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Baseball swept by Georgia Tech in doubleheader

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## 'I'm gone too'

Erk Russell responds to son's  
dismissal from Georgia SouthernBy Brian Saxton  
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The father of modern Georgia Southern football, the legendary coach Erk Russell, has finally spoken about the firing of his son, former defensive coordinator Rusty Russell.

Erk Russell, who left the defensive coordinator position at University of Georgia in 1980 to become the head coach of an upstart program in Statesboro, released a statement Saturday revealing his anger over the decision to fire his son and questioning the honesty of Head Coach Mike Sewak.

Sewak stated in a press conference, "I visited with Coach [Erk] on these matters, as I do all matters Georgia Southern. He is our tradition. He brought me here."

But Erk Russell states that Sewak only visited him after Rusty Russell was fired, and it was at his request.

Erk's statement also said that he and Sewak have not talked

about GSU football since "he was on my staff in 1986." The senior Russell went on to say, "I told him I didn't believe he was being completely honest with me."

Russell also asked Sewak if this was "his decision, Sam's or Paul's."

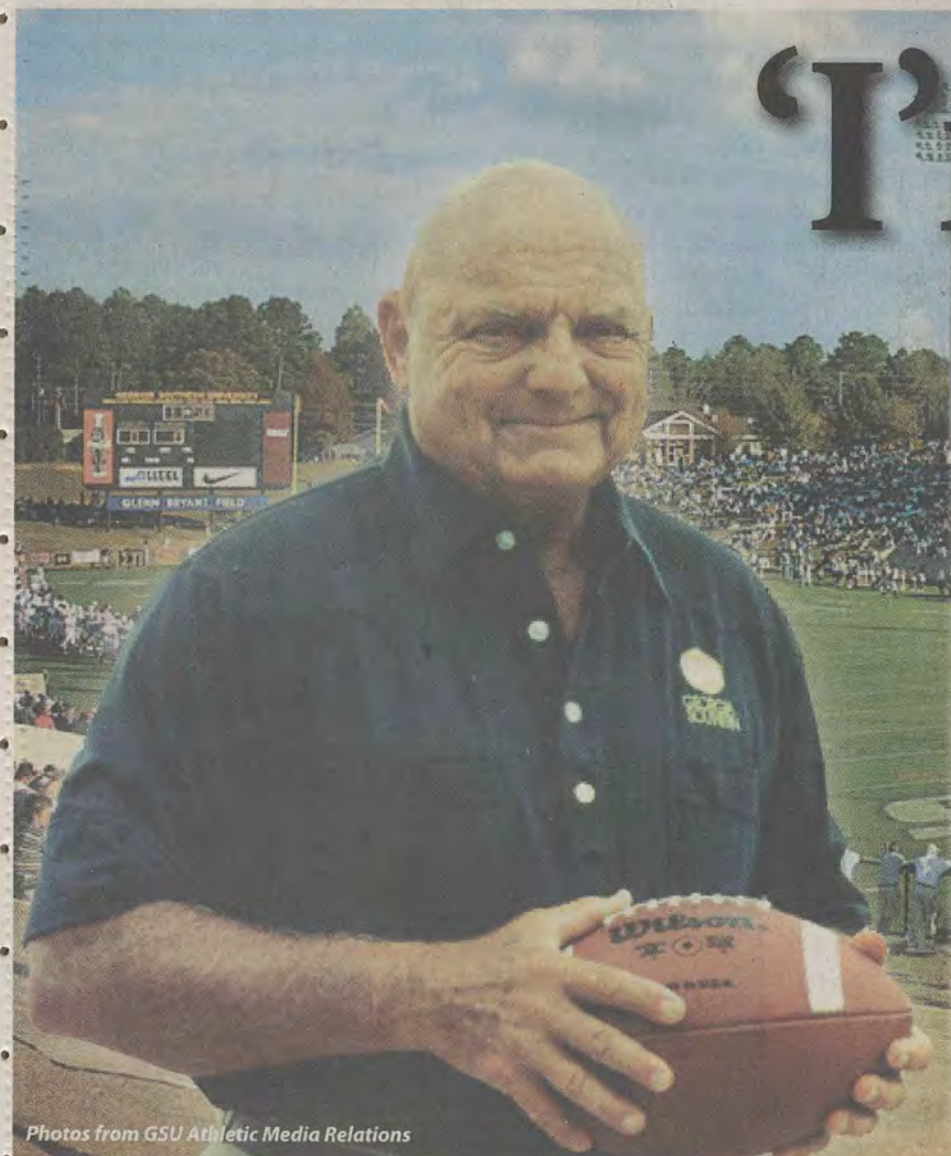
Presumably, "Sam" refers to Athletic Director Sam Baker.

"Paul" may refer to former head coach Paul Johnson. Johnson left GSU after the 2001 season to become the head coach at the Naval Academy.

"I haven't had anything to do with Georgia Southern's football program since I left two years ago," Johnson said in a telephone interview Sunday night.

"How would it benefit me?" Johnson asked about the firing of Rusty Russell.

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Photos from GSU Athletic Media Relations

Furbabies visits the Russell  
Union with furry friendsBy Natalie Gazaway  
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Furbabies Animal Rescue and Aid, Inc. of Statesboro attracted students from every direction on Thursday when they made an appearance at the Russell Union.

The featured dog, Cinnamon, was a Shepard mix with bright eyes and a pink bow, and only six months old. A volunteer said she found her in a nearby dumpster, trying to claw her way out of a trash bag. Cinnamon, like many others, was found hopeless and alone, without much chance of survival.

"As sad as it is, they're better off living at the shelter," said one of the volunteers.

Furbabies provides injured animals with treatment, toys, walks, food, and most importantly, a home. They work hard to find permanent homes for the animals so they can be loved and cared for.

Although a loving family and long-term home is important, Furbabies also needs donations of food, toys and time.

Even if someone takes a few minutes out of his or her day to visit the shelter, it is greatly appreciated. People are welcome to play with the animals or take them for a walk. Right now, the organization is trying to obtain a storage shed for the overflow of cats coming in. This will provide much needed extra space.

People are always needed to help out with different activities. Adoption events are held weekly at Petsmart and Statesboro Mall.

Fundraisers are vital to providing care to these animals. Since Furbabies is a non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. The more people involved, the easier it is to find homes and funding for dogs and cats.

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Jessica Langley/STAFF

Allison Cliatt, vice president of Furbabies Animal Rescue Aid, holds onto a six-month old Shepard mix named Cinnamon while a passing student takes interest in the puppy.

Khmer Rouge survivor Dith Pran to visit GSU  
Film based on Pran's experiences plays tonight in Union TheaterBy Adam Brady  
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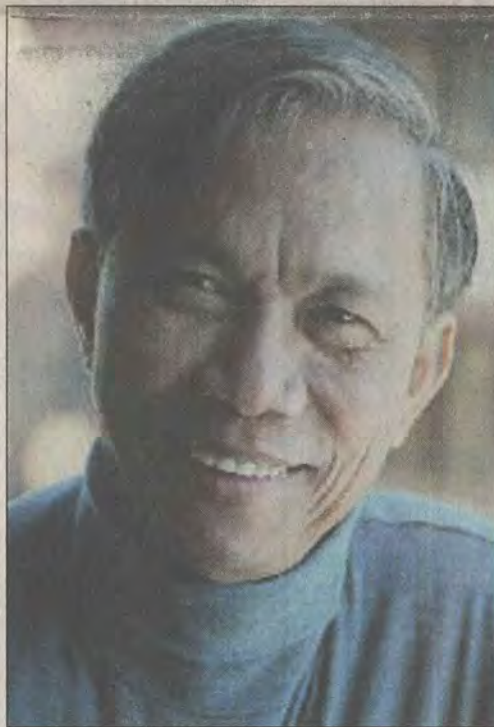
Many remember the mass genocide of the Jewish people in Europe in the middle of the twentieth century, but few seem aware of another mass murder that claimed the lives of nearly 2 million Cambodian civilians only 30 years ago.

Dith Pran, a survivor of the slaughter brought upon Cambodia by the communist Khmer Rouge, knows the devastation all too well.

"I am a one-person crusade. I speak for those who did not survive and for those who still suffer...like one of my heroes, Elie Wiesel, who alerts the world to the horrors of the Jewish holocaust, I try to awaken the world to the holocaust of Cambodia, for all tragedies have universal implication," said Pran.

As a Cambodian journalist, Pran worked with New York Times correspondent Sydney Schanberg to cover the civil war that engulfed his country during the early 70s. Americans evacuated from Phnom Penh in 1975, but Pran and Schanberg remained in the country to observe and write about the takeover.

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Special Photo

Dith Pran survived starvation and torture for four years while living under the Khmer Rouge.



Special Photo

'The Killing Fields' will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. Admission is free.

## February marks Financial Aid Awareness month

By Shelly Clayton  
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Attention GSU students: February is Financial Aid Awareness Month.

Students may ask, "why do I need to know that it is Financial Aid Awareness Month?" but should realize that the HOPE scholarship, various other scholarships and even a student loan are all considered financial aid.

The Financial Aid department wants to help students learn more about how financial aid works and answer any questions or concerns they may have.

Financial Aid Awareness month is meant to aid

students in remembering when to reapply for aid, what all is needed when reapplying, and answer any questions in the applying process.

"We want to get it out there to students and parents that it is time to reapply," said Connie Murphey, director of the financial aid department.

Any questions on HOPE can be answered by coming to the financial aid table in the Russell Union Commons on Tuesday February 17 and Wednesday February 18 from 12-2 p.m.

Most of the student body is receiving HOPE or trying to obtain HOPE again, so the controversial issues concerning the HOPE scholarship are of interest to them. Any questions or concerns per-

taining to HOPE will be answered in a session on Thursday, February 18 at noon in Union room 2047. The proposals regarding the scholarship were sent to Atlanta on February 12, those who attend the session may find out what the fate of the HOPE scholarship and their college education may be.

The department will host numerous events during the month of February, including Come Fill Out Your FAFSA on Wednesday, February 25, from 4-6 p.m. in the Anderson Hall Computer Center. For this students will need their parents' 2003 federal income tax returns so they may be aided in filling

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## Weekday Weather

Monday

HIGH  
49°LOW  
35°Mostly  
Cloudy

Tuesday

HIGH  
51°LOW  
36°

Cloudy

## Only in America

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• Men's basketball falls after Davidson comeback

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## Police Beat

02-11-2004

- Jeffrey Dillon Page, 19, of Veazey Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and criminal trespass.
- Richard Zachary Towns, 18, of Veazey Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and criminal trespass.
- A case of harassment was reported at the Recreation Activities Center.
- Officers issued one traffic citation, three traffic warnings; investigated three traffic accidents; assisted three motorists, one sick person and one injured person; and responded to one fire alarm.

02-12-2004

- A glass door was broken at Watson Hall.
- A license plate was taken from a vehicle in the Landrum Center parking lot.
- Some graffiti was reported in several locations at Sanford Hall and Veazey Hall.
- Officers issued one traffic citation, assisted four motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

— All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.

## Correction

• In last Thursday's edition of the *The George-Anne* in an article on Heart Awareness Month, a website referred to the Web site for the American Heart Association for information on good heart health and ways to participate in Heart Awareness Month was left out of the article, and can be visited at <http://www.americanheart.org>. The article also mentioned that "Wear Red Day" was last Friday. "Wear Red Day" was actually held on Friday, February 6.

## Campus Calendar

### February 16

#### Resume Writing For Dummies 3 p.m.

This event is held by Career Services to help students access their skills, find their path and build their future. At Career Resource Center in Williams Center.

### February 17

#### Spanish Club 5:30 p.m.

The Spanish Club invites everyone to attend their meeting this week. The meeting will have a guest speaker from Career Services. At Russell Union Room 2075.

#### 'Children's Literature at the Dawn of the 21st Century' 5 p.m.

Joel Taxel, professor and chair of Language Education at UGA, will be speaking on Children's Literature at the Dawn of the 21st Century. At GSU College of Education Lecture Hall.

#### 'Blues for an Alabama Sky' 8 p.m.

Directed by GSU's own Mical Whitaker, this fabulous recreation of the Harlem Renaissance will be shown February 17-21. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$8 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 912 681-5379. At the Black Box Theatre in the Communication Arts Building

### February 18

#### Society of Professional Journalists 6 p.m.

SPJ will hold their bi-monthly meeting. Future SPJ conferences and service projects will be discussed. Refreshments will be provided. At Communication Arts Room 1007.

### February 20

#### Free Tree Giveaway 11 a.m.

GSU Botanical Gardens will be giving away trees to celebrate Arbor Day. Trees will be given away while supplies last. International Paper and the Georgia Forestry Commission donated the trees. 912-871-1149. At GSU Botanical Gardens

### February 21

#### NIRSA 5K Run/Walk 9 a.m.

National Intramural and Recreational Services Association (NIRSA) will host a 5k Run/Walk. Registration begins February 16 and runs until the day of the race, which begins at 9 a.m. \$15 registration fee until Monday, \$20 after this date. \$10 for GSU students. 912-681-5436 or <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cr>.

## News Briefs

### Georgia flag debate nearing an end



Special Photo

ATLANTA — Georgia's roller-coaster flag debate is headed for a quiet conclusion when voters choose between two state flags — neither of which is dominated by the Confederate battle emblem — in a statewide referendum March 2.

Georgia's flag drama, once so fiery that protesters in Civil War costumes jostled before national TV crews, has nearly fallen out of public notice because the rebel cross of stars is no longer up for debate.

Georgians will decide between the current flag, which echoes the national "Stars and Bars" flag of the Confederacy, and the flag adopted in 2001, which replaced the rebel battle emblem with the state seal on a field of blue and a panel of historical flags that once flew over the state.

Civil rights groups oppose the current flag because of its Confederate roots. Southern heritage activists call the vote a sham because it doesn't include the version dominated by the rebel cross of stars.

Most people, it seems, prefer Georgia's current flag to the 2001 version.

### Democrats to appeal map plan

ATLANTA — The state will appeal a federal ruling that its state House and Senate maps must be redrawn.

Attorney General Thurbert Baker, a Democrat, notified the Republican governor Friday that he would appeal. The two parties clashed over

the maps, which Democrats drew in 2001 to boost their numbers and try to reduce Republican gains in Congress and the Legislature.

Republicans sued over the maps, saying they violated the one-man, one-vote principle by packing Republican voters as tightly as legally possible, an effort to reduce the number of Republicans elected. A three-judge federal panel agreed with the Republicans Tuesday, ruling that Democrats went too far in trying to suppress the GOP's voting power.

In its ruling, the court said lawmakers made no effort to make the districts as equal as possible because districts varied in population by 9.98 percent. The court asked for new maps by March 1.

Democrats want to challenge the ruling because earlier court rulings have let stand districts that varied less than 10 percent. Democrats say 23 states have legislative districts that vary as much as Georgia's.

### Dean seeks to rally Democratic base in advance of Wisconsin



KRT Campus

MILWAUKEE — Howard Dean sought to rally his Democratic base Saturday in advance of Tuesday's primary, asking his two black roommates from college to join him at a breakfast to bolster his message among minorities.

Don Roman, one of three of Dean's roommates from Yale University and

an attorney from Atlanta, sang a hymn at an African American Minister Breakfast in Milwaukee.

Dean showed no signs of discouragement, telling the more than 200 people at the breakfast that he had bolstered his campaign by appealing to the Democrats' traditional base from the beginning.

Despite such assertions, though, Dean faced a difficult challenge in turning around his faltering Democratic presidential campaign. The most recent poll has shown him far behind Sen. John Kerry.

### Hundreds gather to protest proposed gay marriage amendment

ATLANTA — More than 600 people braved the rain Saturday to rally outside the state Capitol in opposition of a proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriages.

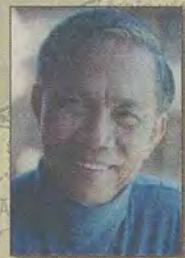
A state Senate committee on Wednesday approved the proposed amendment, which calls for changing the state constitution to define marriage as only a union between a man and a woman. It is sponsored by Sen. Mike Crotts, R-Atlanta.

The full Senate could debate the resolution as early as this week. If approved by a two-thirds majority there and in the House, voters in November would be asked to decide on the change.

Same-sex marriage is already illegal in Georgia, but supporters of the resolution say adding the same language to the constitution will better protect the state from lawsuits or judges' decisions in other states.

Critics of the Georgia resolution accused Republicans of pandering to conservative voters during an election year.

— All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.



## DITH PRAN

### The Killing Fields



Monday, February 16

7:00pm

Russell Union Theater

FREE

FILM

### "Surviving the Khmer Rouge: A Photojournalist's Perspective"

Tuesday, February 17

7:00pm

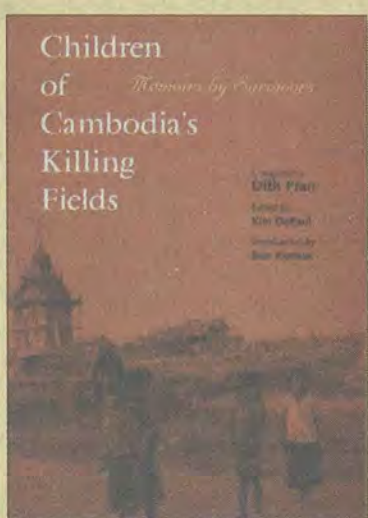
Russell Union Ballroom

Light reception to follow.



Dith Pran will share his own story of life under the Khmer Rouge, and update us on major events since he escaped to Thailand in 1979. He has recently compiled *Children of Cambodia's Killing Fields: Memoirs by Survivors*, based on the experiences of children during the Khmer Rouge's reign of terror.

- *The New York Times* Photojournalist since 1980
- Received four honorary doctorate degrees
- 1998 Medal of Honor Recipient
- Goodwill Ambassador by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



“Part of my life is saving life. I don't consider myself a politician or a hero. I'm a messenger. If Cambodia is to survive, she needs many voices.”

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## 1 Minnesota

### Climax schools ban T-shirts with town's centennial slogan

CLIMAX – It may be the town's slogan, but it doesn't meet the approval of the superintendent who has placed a school ban on the centennial T-shirts that read: "Climax – More than just a feeling."

About a dozen students wore the Climax T-shirts to school this week in protest, and one girl was sent home Wednesday for refusing to turn her shirt inside out.

Shirley Moberg, superintendent of Climax-Shelly schools, said the slogan's sexual innuendo made it inappropriate for students to wear.

School officials had "turned a blind eye" to students wearing the shirts until recently, when a teacher wore it to school and a person complained. The shirts are no longer allowed to be worn at school, she said.

Climax, a town of roughly 270 near the North Dakota border, adopted the "More than just a feeling" slogan in 1996 for its centennial. The slogan was used in advertising and promotions, and the T-shirts have been around for years.

Climax-Shelly junior Ali Tweten said the shirts have been allowed in the past and the ban seemed to come out of nowhere.

"When I wear my T-shirt, it's a sign of pride for my town," Tweten said. "I don't really wear it to be meant in that way (as a sexual innuendo)."

Administrators have the authority to judge if students violate the code and ask them to modify their clothing, Moberg said. Students who refuse can be sent home and their parents notified.

The students who wore the shirt to school Wednesday were told to go to the bathroom and turn it inside out. All did, except 18-year-old Bethany Grove, a senior, who was suspended for the afternoon.

"The T-shirt has been a tradition," Grove said. "It's been around for almost 10 years. A lot of people have them."

Climax, after all, is the town's name, she said.

About 40 miles south of East Grand Forks, the town of Climax was named after a chewing tobacco company.

As part of its centennial celebration, a contest was held to pick a town slogan. Some of the other entries included: "No End to Climax," "Cling to the Culmination: Climax Forever" and "Bring a Friend to Climax."

## 2 Michigan

### Porkers safe after abduction from farm

FULTON – A suspected swine thief was arrested after somebody squealed to the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

Pigs were pilfered several times from a farm in Fulton beginning Jan. 28. A tip to detectives indicated another theft would take place late Tuesday or early Wednesday, deputies said.

A surveillance team followed a Schoolcraft man from his home to the pig farm on Wednesday. He was driving a vehicle towing a small

trailer and had loaded seven pigs into it when detectives approached him after 30 minutes, the Kalamazoo Gazette reported.

The man tried to flee but was stopped and taken into custody without incident, the Sheriff's Department said. The pigs were not injured.

The unidentified man was jailed on charges of breaking and entering and larceny of livestock. He later complained of soreness in his stomach and chest and was taken to Borgess Medical Center for observation.

Fulton is 15 miles southeast of Kalamazoo.

## 3 Georgia

### Parents fined thousands for son's kick below the belt

ATLANTA – When a 9-year-old boy kicked a Fulton County man in the crotch, he decided not to take it lying down.

The man instead filed a lawsuit against the boy and his parents, claiming the kick caused him great pain and affected his sexual performance.

A Fulton County jury awarded the man \$15,000 this week.

The man, who was not named to spare him further embarrassment, was working as a waiter at a wedding reception in the family's home on April 10, 1999, according to court records. The waiter, then 26, claimed the boy and his younger brother were running around unattended and threatened several people on the catering staff with a knife.

When the waiter told them to go outside, the boy headed that way – but not before turning around to deliver a swift kick to his left testicle.

The waiter said he developed acute epididymitis and erectile dysfunction, according to court records. The injuries forced him to miss work, and accrue medical bills of more than \$4,400.

The boy's parents denied the bad behavior, claiming the children were supervised at all times and that their sons were "playing in normal manner for young boys," court records showed.

## 4 Michigan

### Valentine's card includes black SpongeBob; printing error blamed

DETROIT – American Greetings Corp. calls it a regrettable printing error.

Somehow, boxes of SpongeBob SquarePants Valentine's Day cards are popping up in Detroit Wal-Mart stores – but the popular cartoon character found inside isn't his traditional yellow color.

He's black. And with his trademark big teeth and wide eyes, this SpongeBob seems similar to offensive images of African-Americans portrayed in minstrel shows decades ago.

American Greetings officials said Thursday they were surprised and puzzled when the Detroit Free Press made them aware of a complaint about the product.

"We absolutely fell out of our chairs when we saw it," said Carol

Miller, director of business development for the Cleveland-based company. "We're obviously going to be talking to Wal-Mart as well as Nickelodeon ... to offer our sincere apologies for this product making it to market."

Miller said the cards, which were printed and packaged in China, are mistakes, but she and other officials said they were trying to determine how that happened.

David Blinderman, director of global product development for the company, said the printing facility is one of the company's most reliable.

"Culturally, the guys on press in China wouldn't have the faintest idea of who a SpongeBob was or who a black SpongeBob was," Blinderman said.

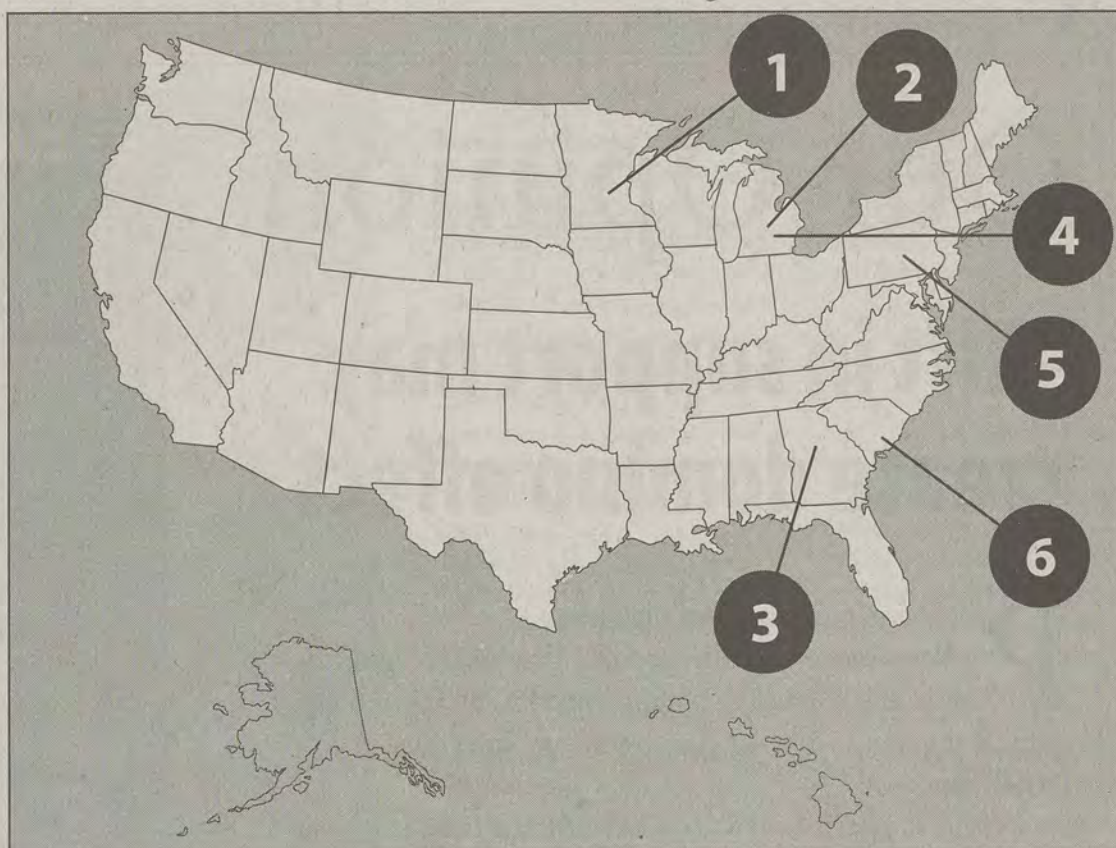
A Wal-Mart official said customers who want refunds could have them, but there were no plans to take the boxes off shelves. "It was a very popular item and there aren't very many left out there," said corporate spokeswoman Danette Thompson. She said the company had received no other complaints.

## 5 Pennsylvania

### Lehigh U. inundated with complaints over Bush satire

BETHLEHEM – Members of an online conservative group deluged Lehigh University with nearly 1,000 calls in two days to protest a photography exhibit that includes a picture of a President Bush look-alike groping a woman in a negligee.

"It's insane," said Lehigh curator



Ricardo Viera, who was responsible for bringing the exhibit to campus. "Between the e-mail and the phone calls, I'm going crazy."

Members of Grassfire.org Alliance were responsible for the angry calls. The nonprofit group wants the university to take down the photograph, part of "The Forbidden Pictures" exhibit by photographer Larry Fink. The group said it plans to continue to call and e-mail Lehigh for several days.

"To show the president groping a scantily clad woman is offensive and inappropriate," said Steve Elliot, co-founder and president of Grassfire.org. "We're not saying there isn't free speech, we're just asking the university to do the decent and honorable thing and take the picture down."

Viera said Lehigh has no intention of removing the exhibit.

Fink has said the photos were meant as satire.

## 6 South Carolina

### Small animal, big accident

BEAUFORT – Sharon Anderson had no idea what was headed her way on a county road when her car struck and killed a pygmy hippopotamus.

The 500-pound animal had wandered away from a plantation and into the path of Anderson's car on a Beaufort County road, the Carolina Morning News re-

ported for Friday editions.

Anderson, 28, wasn't sure what she had hit and called sheriff's deputies, who found the animal dead Monday night.

Anderson said the plantation's owner, Joel Silver, producer of "The Matrix" franchise, told her he'd owned the female hippo for eight years and didn't know how she'd wandered away.

The hippo was one of several wild animals kept at Auldbrass Plantation, a 40-acre plantation in Yemassee built by Frank Lloyd Wright. The plantation includes an aviary with exotic birds, zebras and cattle. The hippo lived in a pond.

Anderson was not injured and her car had only minor damage.

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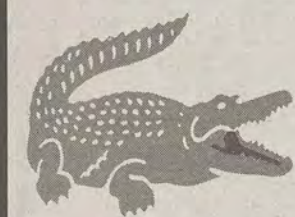
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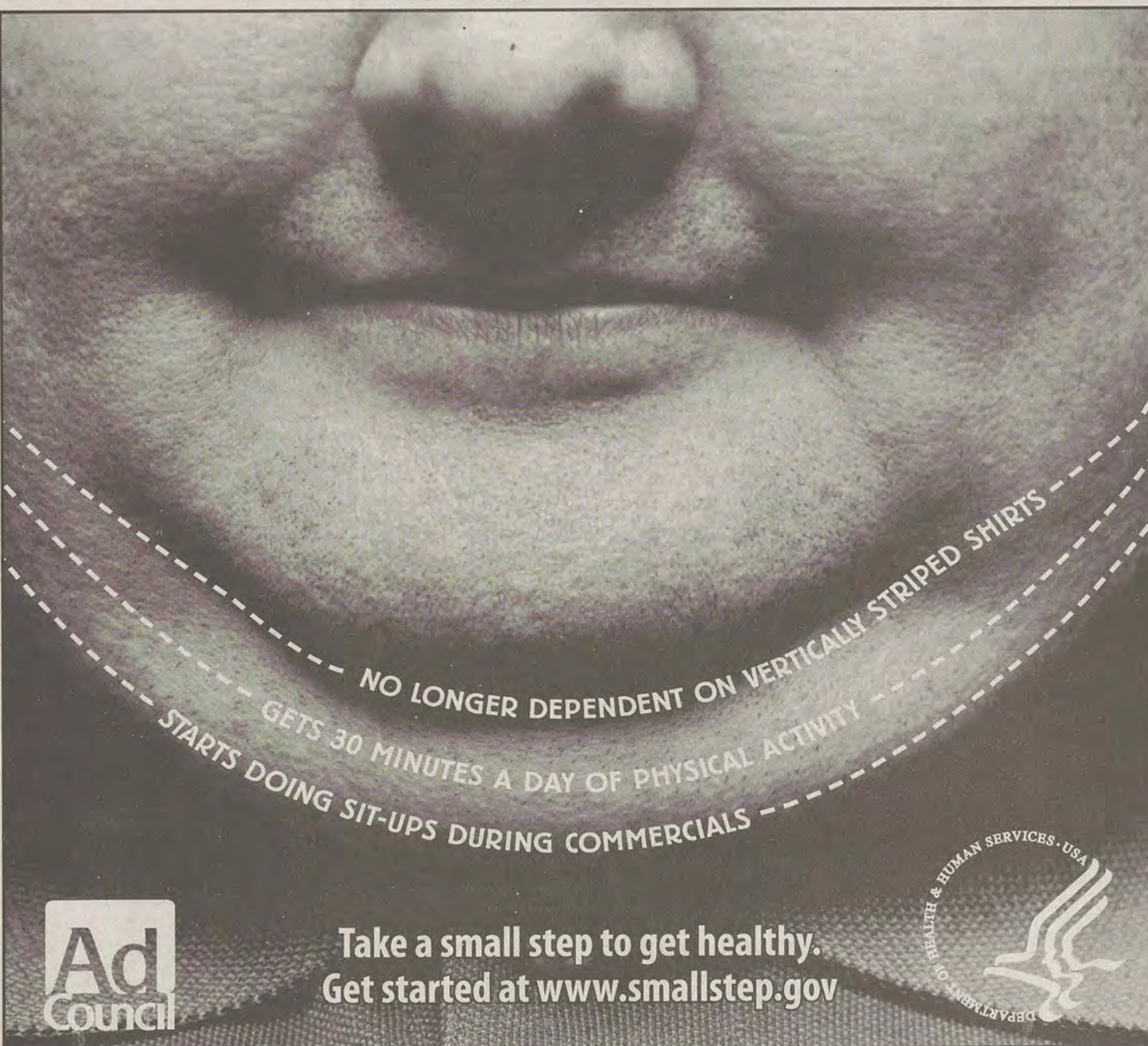
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# Our Opinion

## Rift in support may create domino effect

People began to take sides right away. News broke over the weekend that GSU's legendary coach Erk Russell is pulling support for the football team in reaction to Sewak's decision to fire Rusty Russell, Erk Russell's son.

Georgia Southern football fans have, for the most part, split into two groups: Those who want Mike Sewak to resign and/or be fired, and those who would prefer to go a little easier on the fella'. On the surface, not-so-involved fans could reduce this situation to moral issues, questioning whether we should respect our elders or trust the wisdom of our current leader of the football program. Fans with a bit more knowledge of GSU football might be asking themselves about the direction of the program itself. Should it be progressive or traditionalist? Is it a monarchy, or a coaching staff?

But, for the fans who watched the football program as we know it today come into existence, it's simply, well... not that simple.

Many die-hard Georgia Southern Football fans have accrued page upon page of internet message board debate (which can be found at <http://www.southern-connection.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=8667>), and the general tone of the arguments suggests that Georgia Southern's loyal fans can in fact remain devoted to the sport while taking issue with one or the other of the coaches. It becomes a more complex matter of angles based on historic games, play calls, and legacy. They recognize the effects this situation will have on the program's funding and reputation. And, with the wise overtones one can only find in the voices of seasoned alumni and life-long supporters, they also seem to acknowledge that this is by no means a detrimental wound for GSU football. The sport will still be around when the smoke clears.

That aside, the situation will undoubtedly affect the all-too-often underestimated aspect of fan attitude. Team spirit is bound to suffer when those who want Sewak's head gather in the same stadium with those who sneer at references to 'Erk's Eagles.' Perhaps an air of general apathy and annoyance even will taint the tradition of gathering water from 'Beautiful Eagle Creek's' eternal spring on game day.

Everyone is entitled to an opinion, but let's hope we can each hold our views about this situation without sacrificing the splendor and camaraderie of supporting our team.



## Coach Erk Russell has 'done right'

To me, Erk Russell was never really an actual person.

He was more of a legend, a part of the folklore that surrounds the history of Georgia Southern. But there he was, just as real as you or I as he played a big part of the pre-game show on the new TV screen before every home game in Paulson Stadium this past year. And on most game days, it was easy to spot him standing amongst the chairs and umbrellas below the Lupton Building.

It was always hard to tell the difference between Erk and Glory, the Bald Eagle mascot, who also observed the game from the field-level section just behind the west end zone - both are symbols of what this school stands for.

And both should be shown equal amounts of respect.

When the story of Erk's apparent withdrawal of support for Georgia Southern hit the front page of *The Statesboro Herald* yesterday, and now the front page of *The George-Anne*, my heart dropped deep in my chest. How could the father of Eagle football, the man who built the house that we declare as our own at every home game, turn his back on those who follow his legendary existence?

When we published "The End of an Era" following Eagle football's loss to Citadel, and our certain exclusion from playoff action for the first time in six years, I thought no worse could happen. There was always next season to think about, and Eagle football has never simply given up.

But when Coach Erk Russell expressed desire

to pull away from the school following the removal of his son, Rusty Russell, I realized that this year truly was the end of an era.

On the surface, it seemed as though Erk was withdrawing his support because his son was fired. The premise seemed simple enough, but his actions did seem a bit selfish and rather irrational.

That is until he mentioned the misuse of his name, and the lies we'd all been told in press conferences and media relations releases.

Current Head Coach Mike Sewak had mentioned to the press on a number of occasions that he had consulted with Erk Russell before making many decisions regarding Eagle Football - including the firing of Erk's son Rusty.

According to Erk, a man whose motto is simply "Do Right," he was never consulted about any of the matters claimed by Sewak. In fact, Erk says he requested a meeting with Sewak after Rusty was removed.

Whether or not Erk Russell should have a say in what goes on within the offices and locker rooms of Eagle Football is irrelevant. The issue at hand isn't even about Erk attempting to gain retribution from the program following Rusty's dismissal.

The simple fact of the matter is that someone stretched the truth: someone lied.

Erk is only following the creed by which he lives, and putting it all on the line for something in which he believes. And that same spirit won two national championships and put the only 15-0



**Adam Brady**  
managing editor

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### Letters to the Editor

## Students should not place all responsibility for class planning on advisors

I am a GTREP student at Georgia Southern. In other words, I'm a transient student to GSU, yet I take all of my major classes via distance learning from Georgia Tech. The schedule of classes that the GTREP program puts forth has the same constraints that GSU's major classes have: Most classes are offered annually.

I will start by saying that in both GT's and GSU's course catalogs, it does explicitly state if a class is taught only in the Fall or only in the Spring.

Also, at Georgia Tech, it is the students who are

ultimately responsible for their own class schedules and course work, not an advisor. Ninety-nine percent of students still go see an advisor unless they have a specific road map to graduation.

I think GSU students rely on their advisors too much. The advisors are under a lot of pressure to see as many students as possible and to tell each individual student what, when, and how. Instead, how about the advisor tell the student what classes are required upon declaration of a major, then the student go look the classes up and plan ahead?

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## Absence of supplementary day passes for RAC parkers: Just another stupid rule?

It is one of those 'beautifully' genetic winter mornings. The rain is coming down uncontrollably from every direction, almost as though every cloud in the heavens had been popped with an oversized pin. The sun has yet to show its face anywhere in the galaxy and the day is a mockery of its definition as the nine o'clock hour is met with an enveloping darkness.

It is one of those days when a student rolls over and shuts out the sound of the alarm clock dictating the beginning of a predictable and monotonous ritual. But, as a graduate student, the urgings of the id are overridden by the conscientious promptings of the ego.

Once I have showered and dressed, the next dilemma is actually getting to class. I have no doubt that I will be thoroughly soaked if I even so much as attempt to make the ten to fifteen minutes walk from my apartment complex to the Carroll Building. I could drive, but I do not have a parking permit and the campus transportation department will not allow me to buy a day pass because I have a free RAC pass.

In reality, it is not quite a "free" pass. Activity fees, including the fees that enable a graduate student enrolled in more than two three-credit classes, to make use of the RAC, are paid each semester regardless of a student's interests (or lack thereof) in toning the body whilst building

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### Today around the world

**Lithuania:** Independence Day (1918)  
**United States:** President's Day

### Today in history

**On this day in 1992**, formerly silver Goodyear blimps were all painted yellow and blue.  
**On this day in 1961**, China used its first nuclear reactor.



## Bush visits NASCAR's biggest race of the year

By Ludmilla Lelis and Jeff Libby  
KRT Campus

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – When the president of the United States stops by NASCAR's biggest race of the year, even the souvenir coffee mugs get searched.

Secret Service agents making Daytona International Speedway safe for President Bush's visit Sunday broke locks at souvenir shops to make inspections. They walked bomb-sniffing dogs through the infield campgrounds before dawn and again at noon. They checked race fans entering the pit-row area and the Nextel Tower through metal detectors.

"He's the president. What can I say?" said Jackie Anderson, a volunteer at the Pit Stop souvenir shop near the start/finish line who worked during the 46th annual Daytona 500 on Sunday. She and other employees discovered the broken locks when they arrived at the track about 6 a.m.

Despite some longer lines and a few inconveniences, the third visit of a sitting president to Daytona's fabled racetrack went smoothly. Sunday was Bush's second visit to the Speedway. He served as grand marshal of Daytona's July race, the Pepsi 400, nearly four years ago during his first presidential campaign.

The president's motorcade arrived at the Speedway about a half-hour before the race started, and fans of the tent sec-

tion along Turns three and four greeted him with raised cans of beer.

With NASCAR great Bill Elliott as his tour guide, Bush stopped by pit row. He peered into the cockpit of Tony Stewart's No. 14 Home Depot Chevrolet and met several Nextel Cup drivers, including Dale Earnhardt Jr., the eventual winner of Sunday's race.

To the cheers of the sellout crowd of 168,000 fans, Bush announced: "Gentlemen, start your engines," the traditional call to start the race. Then, the president watched part of the race from a suite in the Nextel Tower.

Outside the track, GOP loyalists registered new voters, trying to lure race fans away from hawkers offering free T-shirts and beer cozies.

It is thought to have been the first time either of the major political parties had set up shop outside a stock-car racing event, another sign of the growing cachet of the bloc of voters known as NASCAR dads.

Not everyone cheered the president's visit. About 40 people staged a protest on a sidewalk outside the track, holding signs that proclaimed, "W is for War."

The anti-Bush group received a hostile reception from some fans, including at least one beer bottle tossed its way, while a few drivers honked their horns and gave the protesters thumbs up.

Others said they would have welcomed Bush, given the chance.



President George W. Bush shares a laugh with NASCAR driver Bill Elliott, left, during a visit to pit road at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday, February 15. Elliott did not drive in the race.

### ADVISEMENT, FROM PAGE 4

I personally do not have the rest of my four semesters exactly planned out, but I do know what specific classes I absolutely have to take, and hence am planning accordingly. I am finding out when each class tends to be taught (Fall or Spring), and will soon enough know what should be taken when. The students are the ones who are eager to graduate on time, how about let's put some of the responsibility of advisement in their hands?

Or do you believe that students are incapable of doing so?

Finally, I have much disdain for your flagrant attack on the university, referring to your major. Ok, Journalism isn't GSU's flagship major. If you really wanted in-depth gotta-get-as-much-as-I-can education about journalism, you should have picked a university that specializes in Journalism. I was a GSU student, but wanted to be an engineer. My thirst for the field could not have been satisfied by GSU's program, so I chose Georgia Tech. Even still, under a heavy course load, I feel like it's not as much as it possibly could be. The IT and COBA are GSU's cornerstones right now. Don't blame the university because they have to spend more resources on

their main degree programs than they can on yours.

OK, enough on that. If you were merely referring to the labs and equipment in your new neighborly "fortress," how about you consider what GSU is still doing for you: \$1.5 million spent annually (even AFTER budget cuts) on brand new computers for the library.

Don't like that figure? How about you let the majority of students know where their tech fee is really being wasted.

NOTE: \$1.5 million is a highly metaphorical term for the amount spent on computers at the library, and more represents the budget for the library, as seen from an audit report just over two years ago. The library boasts almost 400 computers, and recently all on the 2nd and bottom floor have been upgraded. They all sport the latest unnecessary technologies (for web browsing and word processing) with 18" flat panel displays. If the library was "lucky" enough, this setup would have cost \$1250 per computer, or \$500,000 overall, and the process is repeated yearly. Where do all of the old computers go? Who knows?

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### PRAN, FROM PAGE 1

The Khmer Rouge, radical communist revolutionaries, began to overthrow the Cambodian government in 1970. With the help of the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong, the group began taking control of the country. In only three years, the Khmer Rouge increased its strength ten-fold from 3,000 to 30,000 followers. Led by Pol Pot in 1975, the Khmer Rouge took control of the Cambodian government and established "Democratic Kampuchea."

'Part of my life is saving life. I don't consider myself a politician or a hero'

— Dith Pran, Khmer Rouge survivor

After the people of Cambodia suffered four years of devastation under the Khmer Rouge, their one-time allies, the North Vietnamese, turned on the communist faction.

Schahnberg escaped from the Khmer Rouge, but Pran remained trapped in what would soon be referred to as "the killing fields" of the Cambodian countryside until 1979. After surviving four years of torture and starvation, Pran escaped to a refugee camp in Thailand where he met up with Schanberg and was escorted to freedom.

"Part of my life is saving life. I don't consider myself a politician or a hero," said Pran.

"I'm a messenger. If Cambodia is to survive, she needs many voices."

Pran has worked as a photojournalist for *The New York Times* since 1980, received four honorary doctorate degrees, was a 1998 Medal of Honor Recipient, and is a Goodwill Ambassador by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He has also just recently compiled a book based on the experiences of children who lived under the terror of the Khmer Rouge entitled "Children of Cambodia's Killing Fields: Memoirs by Survivors."

Pran's story of imprisonment by the Khmer Rouge was the basis of the 1984 film, "The Killing Fields," which will be shown tonight in the Russell Union Theater at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday night, Pran will give a lecture entitled "Surviving the Khmer Rouge: A Photojournalist's Perspective" in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m.

Both events are sponsored by CLEC, The Georgia Humanities Council, USA Today, The Department of University Housing, *The George-Anne*, The Multicultural Student Center, The Center for International Studies, The Department of History, The Department of Communication Arts, The Henderson Library, and Statesboro-Bulloch Regional Library.

### BRADY, FROM PAGE 4

season in the college football record books.

Whether or not Coach Erk Russell decides to stay true to himself and keep to his word of leaving along with his son can only be determined when his familiar reverent presence is missing from Bryant Field during next year's game play. But just as he's done since resurrecting our football program in 1981, Erk Russell will continue to embody what it means to be from Georgia Southern and live on as a legend in the tradition he created – no matter what might happen.

He's said what needed to be said, and done what needed to be done. And as he always has, Coach Erk Russell has done right.

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### PARKING, FROM PAGE 4

ing the mind. I have played with this regulation some – the one that does not allow students to buy day passes that could bring in revenue to the school and allow a student to park for a few hours while in class, simply because the student already holds a permit that allows him or her to park at the

recreation activity center.

It's been a few months since I have become privy to the grand decree. I am still stumped!

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- (1) they must not have a disciplinary record for the last two semesters of university attendance;
- (2) they must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher;
- (3) they must not hold the top executive office in any campus organization;
- (4) they must be a full-time student; and
- (5) they must be planning to attend Georgia Southern the entire 2004-2005 academic year.

If you know students who would be excellent UJB members, please submit their nomination by Friday February 27, 2004. All nominations should include the nominee's full name, social security number, current phone number, current GSU P.O. Box number, and a paragraph stating why you think the nominee would be an effective UJB member. Feel free to nominate as many students as you like. All nominations must be signed by the person making the nomination and must be submitted by Friday, February 27, 2004 to:

Janet O'Brien  
Chair, University Judicial Board  
P.O. Box 8132  
Georgia Southern University

Thank you for your help in selecting student UJB members. A complete description of the procedures for appointing UJB members may be found in the Student Guide, Appendix C.

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## Baseball swept by Jackets in doubleheader

By Brian Saxton

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Due to a rainout Saturday the Eagles played a double header Sunday against the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech.

Georgia Southern would have been served better with more rain.

In the first game, Georgia Tech scored 15 runs on 14 hits, and took advantage of three GSU errors to defeat the Eagles 15-6.

The Jackets blew open a 3-1 ballgame with a nine-run seventh inning. After knocking out starter Brian Harrison, and quickly disposing of reliever Everett Teaford, Yellow Jacket freshman Wes Hodges welcomed Thomas Turner with a grand slam on his first collegiate pitch.

Harrison took the loss for the Eagles giving up six runs, four earned, in six innings. His win-loss record dropped to 1-1. Micah Owings recorded the win for Tech.

The Eagles used four pitchers and stranded eight runners in the losing effort. Three of their six runs came in the bottom of the ninth.

In the second game, Georgia Southern's offense picked up where it had left off in the last inning of game one. Brandon Long hit a solo home run to open the game and Grant Burruss added a two run shot to give the Eagles an early three-run lead in the first.

Georgia Southern added their fourth run in the third when James Payne scored on a Tech throwing error by shortstop Tyler Greene.

From that point on, pitching dominated the game for both teams. Eagle starter John Carroll turned in a courageous effort, pitching out of trouble in

the sixth and seventh innings.

In the sixth, with runners on first and third and no outs, GSU catcher Flint Wipke threw out Tech left fielder Steven Blackwood on an attempted steal at second base. Third baseman Travis Adkinson made a textbook defensive play holding the runner at third and recording the second out at first base.

Carroll hit the next batter, and motioned to his coach that he was running out of gas, but his coach stayed with him and Carroll forced a fly out to left field.

Carroll returned at the top of the seventh and pitched through more trouble. The sophomore pitcher managed to control the damage after a wild pitch that allowed runners to advance to second and third. Carroll gave up one run on a single, and one on a sacrifice fly before getting Tyler Greene to fly out to end the inning.

The Eagles went one, two, three in the bottom of the seventh. When Georgia Southern returned to the field true freshman Dustin Evans came in to relieve Carroll. Evans, just out of high school, sat the Jackets down in order, striking out one.

The Eagles squandered a chance to add insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth when Jason Hurst grounded into an inning-ending double play with runners on first and third and one out.

The missed opportunity came back to hurt them. With one out and a man on first, centerfielder Brandon Boggs cranked a two-run shot deep over the fence in right-center to tie the score at 4-4.

Evans finished the inning but Georgia Southern was unable to score the winning run in the bottom



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Sophomore pitcher John Carroll left Saturday's second game with the lead, but saw it fade away as Georgia Tech tied the game up in the ninth inning before scoring the winning run one inning later.

of the ninth. Flint Wipke singled to right, advanced to third on a Brandon Burned sacrifice and a Logan Phillips ground out, but with two outs, Brandon Ponder went down swinging on a breaking ball with a 3-2 count.

In the top of the tenth, Georgia Tech's Wes Hodges singled just past the outstretched glove of the Eagle third

baseman and Tyler Greene scored to give the Yellow Jackets a 5-4 lead.

The Eagles' last hope came off of the bat of Grant Burruss. With two outs and James Payne on first, Burruss fell behind 0-2 before launching a shot deep to centerfield. The ball came down just short of the fence for the third and final out of the game.

## Davidson surge cuts down Southern

Loss drops Eagles to second entering Wednesday battle at College of Charleston

### GSU Athletic Media Relations

DAVIDSON, N.C. - The Davidson men's basketball team shot 58 percent in the second half and outscored the Georgia Southern Eagles by 15 points to win its 12th straight game at Belk Arena, defeating the South Division-leading Eagles, 82-72, on Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats (13-11, 8-5 SoCon) have now won five straight and are 11-0 at home this season. Georgia Southern (18-5, 9-3 SoCon) fell for the second time in the last three games and now has just a two-game advantage ahead of Davidson in the South Division.

Down five points at the break, 40-35, Davidson scored the first four points of the second half to cut away at the Eagle lead. Davidson scored seven unanswered points, capped by a Matt McKillop three-pointer to grab a six-point advantage, 50-44. Some strong defense including a huge Nick Booker block and another McKillop three-pointer gave Davidson an eight point advantage, 55-47, with 12:55 remaining in the contest.

Georgia Southern kept attacking, forcing Davidson into bad shots and cutting the lead back to only two, 55-53. That was as close as the Eagles would come as Davidson hit 8-of-10 from the field over the final 11 minutes of play and connected on 15-of-20 free throws in the second half to nail down its sixth victory in the last seven games.

Sophomore Brendan Winters scored a game-high 23 points, his third straight game with 20-plus points and 23rd consecutive con-

test in double figures. Winters hit 11-of-12 from the free throw line. For the game, Davidson nailed 24-of-32 (.750) from the charity stripe while Georgia Southern connected on only 11-of-19 (.579) and just 2-of-9 for the final 20 minutes.

Junior Logan Kosmowski netted 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds. He has scored in double figures in all but one Southern Conference game. McKillop was the other Wildcat in double figures, hitting 3-of-6 from the field for 12 points. Sophomore point guard Kenny Grant had a strong game, scoring six points, recording six rebounds and dishing out five assists while turning the ball over only once.

The Davidson defense shut down the Eagles' leading scorer, sophomore guard Elton Nesbitt, holding him to nine points. Nesbitt came into the game averaging 16.7 ppg and has been held to single digits only three other times this season. The Wildcats also held GSU to 72 points - the Eagles average 81.4 points per game, second in the conference. The Eagles were led by senior Frank Bennett who netted 20 points.


The Wildcats managed to win the battle of the boards, outrebounding Georgia Southern 37-35 for the game. Grace tallied nine rebounds to go along with nine points on 4-of-5 from the field.

Davidson remains at home to take on Wofford on Wednesday while Georgia Southern will be on the road at Charleston on Wednesday. Both games are set to tip at 7 p.m.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Sophomore guard Elton Nesbitt, the Eagles' leading scorer entering Saturday's game, was held to just nine points as Georgia Southern was upset by Davidson, 82-72.



**Georgia Southern at College of Charleston**

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**RECORDS**  
Georgia Southern (18-5, 9-3 SoCon)  
College of Charleston (18-5, 10-3 SoCon)

**LAST MEETING**  
The two teams last met on Jan. 24, when Georgia Southern came back from a 13-point second-half deficit to win 85-80 in Statesboro. A Terry Williams three-point put GSU ahead with 41 seconds left. Frank Bennett scored 20 to lead the Eagles while Elton Nesbitt added 19.

### ELSEWHERE IN THE SPORTS WORLD...

- Troubled golfer John Daly's 100-foot bunker shot rolled to within four feet of the hole, as he won a three-man playoff to take the Buick Invitational, his first PGA Tour win since 1995.
- The Atlanta Hawks made their second trade in a week, in a three-team swap. The Hawks got Michael Doleac from New York, the Knicks' second-round draft pick in 2005 and Joel Przybilla from Milwaukee. The Knicks got Nazr Mohammed from Atlanta and Tim Thomas from Milwaukee. The Bucks got Keith Van Horn from New York.
- The New York Yankees swooped in on the Boston Red Sox once more, obtaining reigning American League MVP Alex Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers in exchange for second baseman Alfonso Soriano. With Derek Jeter settled as the Yankees' shortstop, Rodriguez will play at third.

### UPCOMING EAGLE EVENTS

<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Women's Basketball vs. Furman 7 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Baseball vs. Georgia State 4 p.m., J.I. Clements Stadium</p> <p>Men's Basketball at College of Charleston, 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Baseball vs. Georgia State 4 p.m., J.I. Clements Stadium</p> <p>Softball at Florida State, 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Men's Tennis at Winthrop, 2:30 p.m.</p>



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Nicole Newton scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds to help spur Georgia Southern to a 68-39 victory over winless Wofford on Saturday at Hanner Fieldhouse.

## Lady Eagles shoot strong in humbling of Wofford

By Eli Boorstein

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For a moment, it seemed that the Wofford women's basketball team had a chance to battle for their first win of the season.

However, the Terriers' troubles just continued to mount as they remained winless after a 68-39 humbling by Georgia Southern Saturday afternoon at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The win snapped a four-game Eagle losing streak while the Terriers' losing streak grew to 39 games, in a span that has lasted since January of 2003.

Wofford, who now sits at a bleak 0-23 overall and 0-16 in conference play, played closely as the first half started, even building up an eight-point lead early in the first half. But, from that point, the Terriers suffered through a slump that lasted the rest of the half, and went through much of the ballgame.

Conversely, Georgia Southern (11-12, 7-10 SoCon) had one of their strongest games of the season, converting on 53.8 percent of their shots in the second half and 43.3 percent overall.

One factor that seemed to energize the Lady Eagles was the return of senior guard Kristy McCorkle, who had missed a month of action while recuperating from a knee injury. McCorkle managed three assists and two rebounds in seven minutes, but her leadership was definitely a needed boost for a recently lagging Georgia Southern team.

Wofford saw early luck as they built up an eight-point lead when a K.C. Correll lay-up made the score 14-6 with 13:15 left in the opening half. But, from that point on, it was just the usual mound of trouble for

the Terriers, as the Lady Eagles escaped on a 12-4 run, with a Jessica Everett basket tying the score up at 18-18 with 5:28 left.

Georgia Southern continued to capitalize on Wofford's shooting woes as the Terriers only managed three more points before halftime, which saw the home team ahead 29-21.

Following the intermission, the Lady Eagles and Terriers continued to go in opposite directions, with Georgia Southern surging for 14 unanswered points before even five minutes could pass at the beginning of the second half.

The frustrations were evident for Wofford as they could not break away at the Lady Eagles' edge, which grew to as much as 32 points in the second half.

Everett paced the Georgia Southern offense with 13 points on the day. Adrienne Early added 10 points and a team-high nine rebounds. Dana Benemon and Lee DuBose each added eight rebounds - a career-high for DuBose. As a team, Georgia Southern out-rebounded Wofford 51-25.

"It was an emotional moment for her," said head coach Rusty Cram about McCorkle. "She's just got to get her confidence back."

Wofford, one of just two Division I clubs without a win, was led by Mary Jo Yee, who scored 16 points, all but three coming before the half.

Georgia Southern will look to ride their momentum into tonight's home contest against Furman, the SoCon's second-ranked team, in Hanner Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

"This is the best we've executed," said Cram. "Tonight, we got a lot of confidence back and hopefully we can take it into Monday."

## Men's tennis splits matches with Jacksonville, Bethune-Cookman

By Matt Rapp

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The Georgia Southern men's tennis team had a long day of competition last Friday, starting with a 6-1 loss to Jacksonville and ending with a 6-1 win to Bethune-Cookman.

Playing two matches, practically back to back, left a tired, but determined, group of athletes. Danie Van Den Heever and Lasha Janashia won the only match against Jacksonville. Van Den Heever and Janashia left their doubles opponents frustrated for most of the match, jumping to an early 5-1 lead. The final score to the match was 8-2.

The win against Bethune-Cookman Friday afternoon brought the Eagles' record to 4-5. With only a short break for lunch, the men had no problem taking their opponents to the house.

One of Georgia Southern's key players, Vincent Patry, sat out from all matches on Friday to keep healthy. The sophomore from France had a hot debut at Georgia



David Casselli/STAFF

Georgia Southern men's tennis split a pair of Friday matches, falling to Jacksonville and beating Bethune-Cookman

Southern last year, being named the SoCon's Freshman of the Year last season.

Georgia Southern's first Southern Conference match is not until Feb. 28 against Appalachian State at the Hanner Courts.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN  
EAGLE BASKETBALL

## MEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (72)**  
Olivier 0-2 0-0 0, Bennett 6-13 7-11  
20, Nesbitt 4-9 0-0 9, Williams 6-16 1-1  
17, Fleming 2-4 0-2 4, Gennie 2-3 0-0 6,  
Mobley 1-2 2-3 4, Gibson 1-7 0-0 2, Fran-  
cois 4-7 1-2 10, Joseph 0-1 0-0 0, Byams  
0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-64 11-19 72.

**DAVIDSON (82)**  
Booker 2-4 0-1 4, Kosmalski 6-12 5-7  
18, Grace 4-5 0-1 9, McKillop 3-6 4-5 12,  
Winters 5-15 11-12 23, Eho 0-1 0-0 0,  
Grant 2-5 1-2 6, Johnson 3-3 2-2 9, Ivory  
0-0 0-0 0, Blancett 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 25-51  
24-32 82.

Halftime—GSU 40, Davidson 35.  
Three-point goals—GSU 9-27 (Bennett  
1-3, Nesbitt 4-4, Williams 4-11, Gennie 2-  
3, Mobley 0-1, Gibson 0-4, Francois 1-1),  
Davidson 8-20 (Booker 0-1, Kosmalski 1-3,  
Grace 1-1, McKillop 2-4, Winters 2-7, Grant  
1-3, Johnson 1-1). Rebounds—GSU 35  
(Bennett, Francois 6), Davidson 37 (Grace,  
Kosmalski 9). Assists—GSU 17 (Williams 9),  
Davidson (Grant 5). Total Fouls—GSU 24,  
Davidson 19. Fouled Out—None. Tech-  
nicals—GSU Bench. A-3, 413

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

**WOFFORD (39)**  
Mister 0-2 0-0 0, Ripberger 1-1 0-0 3,  
Weurding 3-7 4-4 10, Yee 5-13 2-2 16, Har-  
ris 1-14 0-0 2, Strong 0-3 0-0 0, Correll 2-3  
0-5 4, Bradshaw 1-5 0-0 2, Paul 1-5 0-0 2.  
Totals 14-53 6-11 39.

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (68)**  
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DuBose 1-4 4-4 6, Newton 3-8 3-6 9, Tiller  
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0, Edgerton 0-3 0-0 0, Spoon 0-1 0-0 0, Mc-  
Corkle 0-0 0-0 0, Krellner 2-3 0-0 6, Melvin  
1-1 0-0 2, Benemon 3-6 0-0 6, Jessie 3-3 2-3  
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Halftime—GSU 29, Wofford 21. Three-  
point goals—Wofford 5-26 (Ripberger 1-1,  
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GSU 51 (Early 9). Assists—Wofford 10 (Yee 3),  
GSU 17 (DuBose, Tiller 4). Total Fouls—Wof-  
ford 16, GSU 14. Fouled Out—None. Tech-  
nicals—None. A-727

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MEN					
NORTH DIVISION					
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L PCT.
ETSU	13	0	1.00	21	4 .840
Chattanooga	7	5	.583	14	9 .609
W. Carolina	5	7	.417	12	11 .522
Elon	5	7	.417	9	15 .375
UNCG	5	7	.417	8	14 .364
App State	3	9	.250	8	17 .320

SOUTH DIVISION					
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L PCT.
Charleston	10	3	.769	18	5 .783
Ga. Southern	9	3	.750	18	5 .783
Davidson	8	5	.615	13	11 .542
Furman	5	7	.417	13	10 .565
Wofford	4	9	.308	8	16 .333
The Citadel	0	12	.000	4	19 .174

WOMEN					
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L PCT.
Chattanooga	16	0	1.00	21	2 .913
Furman	12	4	.750	15	8 .652
ETSU	12	5	.706	12	11 .522
Elon	10	6	.625	14	9 .609
Davidson	10	7	.588	13	11 .542
W. Carolina	8	8	.500	9	14 .391
UNCG	8	8	.500	8	15 .348
Ga. Southern	7	10	.412	11	12 .478
App State	4	12	.250	5	18 .217
Charleston	3	14	.176	5	19 .208
Wofford	0	16	.000	0	23 .000

LeBron, Carmelo dazzle  
at NBA Rookie Game

By Beth Harris  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It was the LeBron and Carmelo show on the first night of NBA All-Star weekend.

LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony teamed up for four awe-inspiring alley-oop dunks that proved to be the best moments of the Rookie Challenge on Friday night.

With the sophomores well on their way to a record-setting 142-118 victory, the two heralded rookies decided to show off.

"After the game got out of hand, I went up to the players and said, 'Let's give the fans what they want to see,'" James said.

James scored 33 points and created most of the moments that had a sellout crowd at Staples Center oohing and aahing. Anthony added 17 points.

"We saw Carmelo and LeBron do some amazing things," rookies coach Doug Collins said. "I hope the fans enjoyed it."

Typical of All-Star festivities, the players took the night off from playing defense.

MVP Amare Stoudemire, last season's Rookie of the Year, had 36 points and 11 rebounds in the highest-scoring game since the event began 10 years ago.

Carlos Boozer and Ronald Murray added 25 points apiece for the second-year pros, who made nearly 71 percent of their shots in the first half to turn it into a blowout.

"They're very exciting," Stoudemire said. "LeBron can get up in the air so high, and Carmelo has the all-around game. It's all about scoring out there, enjoying yourself and putting on a show."

Neither James nor Anthony was selected for Sunday's All-Star game. James was adamant that he won't accept a spot in Saturday's dunk contest, either, so the Rookie Challenge was the duo's

only showcase of the weekend.

"It was just fun to be on the court with him," Anthony said. "Nobody was serious and nobody got hurt. That was the big thing."

Yao Ming swatted the ball away from the 6-foot-8 James on the opening tip, then gave way to Anthony and James.

Collins paired James and Anthony during the first half, substituting them together and taking advantage of their knowledge of each others' games. They needed less than four minutes to hook up on a spectacular play.

Anthony got loose on a fast break and served up an underhand alley-oop to James, who slammed it home to huge cheers. They teamed up again 21/2 minutes later, with Anthony throwing a longer pass for another emphatic slam by James.

Their third connection came with less than five minutes to play when Anthony dribbled under the hoop and tossed it up to James, who dunked from the other direction. They added one more in the final minute, when both teams staged an impromptu dunk contest.

James also threw down a two-handed behind-the-head slam in the final moments, and Anthony capped the game with a similar jam. After Stoudemire accepted his trophy, James tossed his new gold-colored shoes into the crowd.

James' favorite dunk came shortly after halftime, when he tossed a pass off the backboard to himself and rattled home a jam that had fans leaping from their seats.

"Everybody wanted to match my dunk off the glass," he said. "I just go up and be creative. [Backboard passes] are not out of style at all."

The NBA capitalized on the presence of Anthony and James by moving the Rookie Challenge to Friday night from its usual Saturday spot.

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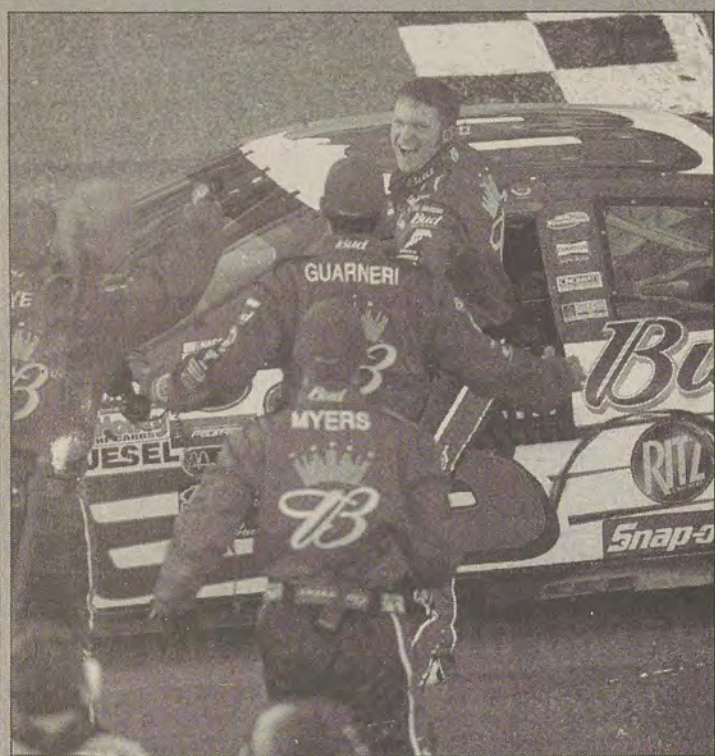
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## Like father, like son...



KRT Campus

On the very same course where his father lost his life three years ago, Dale Earnhardt Jr. won his first Daytona 500 on Sunday in the opening race of the 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup season. The win came six years after Dale Earnhardt Sr. won the Daytona 500 driving the familiar black and white No. 3. The younger Earnhardt started the race in the pole position and passed rival Tony Stewart with 20 laps to go.





## Sexual Assault Task Force encourages rape awareness, recruits new volunteers

By Katherine Willis  
katherine\_a\_willis@georgiasouthern.edu

Last year, approximately one rape or sexual assault occurred every two minutes.

Along with GSU's many on-campus support organizations, such as the Counseling Center, ReVision, and the National Organization of Women (NOW), the newly created Bulloch County Sexual Assault Task Force (BCSATF) is setting out to change this statistic.

According to Mark Louderback, the BCSATF Chair, "Our goal is not to be reactive to crimes like these, but to be proactive in educating people, warning people, and prosecuting those who commit these crimes. These are crimes, and they should be treated as such. Our goal is to help out as much as we can."

By educating people of the severity of sexual assault, the BCSATF hopes to prevent these crimes from occurring.

The BCSATF wants people to know that they have options in receiving support and healing for sexual assault, rape, and incest should they ever become victims of these crimes.

"When these types of crimes happen to people, they struggle with issues of self-respect, self-confidence, and fear. We provide a listening ear to help guide people through these issues, and if needed, we provide referrals to professional counselors and other agencies for further help," Louderback said.

The Volunteer Advocates who work with the BCSATF attend a three-day training session in order to assist victims and their loved ones

through the healing process.

Volunteers are ready and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the BCSATF Crisis Hotline (912-531-1771) to listen, answer questions, provide information, and if needed, to provide face-to-face support. Volunteer Advocates are available to victims during the emergency room visit, to follow-up with victims, or even to attend the trial.

Sexual assault can happen to anyone at any time. It is important that both men and women who become victims of sexual assault, rape, or incest report the crime immediately and go to the hospital emergency room for a medical examination.

The BCSATF would like to remind victims not to bathe, change clothes, or tamper with any evidence that confirms the crime has occurred.

Victims are in a position to help those who could be victims of sexual assault, rape, or incest in the future, when they report these crimes to the police.

These crimes can, in most cases, be prevented. According to Mark

Louderback, "Make sure when you go out that someone you trust is with you."

Louderback also stated, "The most important way to raise awareness on-campus is to be honest, and to realize these crimes do happen. Ninety percent of the time, those who think this cannot happen to them may be right, but there is always that 10 percent of the time when they could be wrong."

If you are interested in joining the BCSATF and becoming a volunteer or donating, you can find more information by calling Mark Louderback at 912-681-2481, or e-mailing him at [stpaul@bulloch.com](mailto:stpaul@bulloch.com).

You may also contact Linda Rohrer Paige on-campus at 912-681-0222, or e-mail her at [lp Paige@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:lp Paige@georgiasouthern.edu).

The next Volunteer Advocacy training session will be held March 5 from 6-9 p.m., March 6 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and March 7 from 6-9 p.m. in the Education Room at East Georgia Regional Medical Center.

Volunteers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the BCSATF Crisis Hotline at 912-531-1771.

### Facts about sexual assault

- 7 out of 10 rape victims know their attacker.
- 16-19 year olds seem the most at risk of being raped.
- 1 out of 6 Georgia women between the ages of 15 and 44 have been sexually assaulted.
- 12.8 percent of sexual assault victims last year were male.
- 1 rape or sexual assault occurs about every 2 minutes.
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men in the United States has been sexually assaulted (source: The National Institute of Justice, 1998).

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out the free application online.

Students can also complete the application online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> with the GSU code 001572.

"I know that my parents would pay for my college education, but others are not as fortunate, so hopefully none of the proposals will be passed on and we can keep the money we worked so hard for," said Jennifer Banks, nursing major.

Remember, fall 2004 will be here before you know it, so reapply for aid now.

Any questions regarding the information sessions, contact the Financial Aid department at 681-5413 or e-mail your financial aid counselor at [students.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid](mailto:students.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid).

### FURBABIES, FROM PAGE 1

Those interested in providing a home for a pet, must fill out an application, providing basic information. There is a minimal \$25 adoption fee, which includes the animal's first set of vaccinations and de-worming. Proof of sterilization and rabies vaccination will also be required after 30 days.

A party will be held at 115 Olde Towne Road on Thursday, Feb. 26th for those interested in purchasing items for their pet; all proceeds will benefit Furbabies Animal Rescue and Aid. For more information on this organization, visit [www.furbabies.petfinder.com](http://www.furbabies.petfinder.com)

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Coach Johnson did not say whether or not he thought that "Paul" referred to him, but he did say that Erk Russell's statement was "out of line," and that he hopes GSU can solve their problems.

The decision to fire Rusty Russell was considered controversial from the start.

Rusty Russell was hired to the defensive coordinator position by Paul Johnson in 1997.

Rumors surfaced about Johnson and Rusty's relationship after the 1998 season in which GSU lost the national championship game, and Russell's defense gave up 21 points per game.

Strongly encouraged by Johnson, Russell changed the defensive scheme and cut the number to just

over 15 points a game for the next three years. In 2002 Rusty's defense gave up just 13.6 points per game, but in 2003 that number soared back to 21. The Eagles finished 7-4 and Rusty Russell "was not retained."

After Erk Russell released his statement, Sam Baker released a statement simply saying, "I have the utmost respect for Coach Erk Russell but I support our head coaches' prerogative to make difficult decisions regarding their program. To elaborate further on this matter would not be of benefit to any of the parties involved."

Mike Sewak replied, "I feel for the position Coach Russell is in."

Erk Russell states that he ended his visit with Coach Sewak by telling

him "I'm gone too." What exactly Coach Russell means is yet to be seen.

Russell has no official ties to the program, but since his retirement he has been considered the living symbol of GSU's tradition and excellence on the gridiron.

In a telephone interview Sunday Erk Russell said that this decision was "the toughest I ever had to make." He also said that he would not have made the response if not for the way his name was used in the media and by Coach Sewak during the press conference.

Erk Russell led the Eagles to three national championships in just six years of full NCAA Division I-AA participation, including a record 15-0 season in 1989.



Special Photo



Erk Russell is pictured above at the Furman game last Nov. 8, as he is interviewed by a crew from College Sports Television in the courtyard of the Lupton Building.

### ERK RUSSELL

#### CAREER RECORD

83-22-1, 788 (8 seasons)

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Division I-AA championships in 1985, 1986, 1989
- Led 1989 team to a 15-0 overall record, which has not been matched since.

#### YEAR-BY-YEAR

YEAR	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	PCT.
1982	7	3	1	.636
1983	6	5	0	.545
1984	8	3	0	.727
1985	13	2	0	.867
1986	13	2	0	.867
1987	9	4	0	.692
1988	12	3	0	.800
1989	15	0	0	1.000

#### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1984  
• Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year

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• Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year  
• Football News Coach of the Year  
• ABC-TV Coach of the Year  
• Washington, D.C. Touchdown Club Coach of the Year

1986  
• Kodak-American Football Coaches Association I-AA Coach of the Year  
• Washington, D.C. Touchdown Club Coach of the Year  
• Football News Coach of the Year  
• Chevrolet-CBS Sports I-AA Coach of the Year  
• Atlanta Touchdown Club Coach of the Year  
• Macon Touchdown Club Coach of the Year  
• 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta Coach of the Year  
• Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year  
• Statesboro Rotary Club-Man of the Year

1987  
• Inducted into Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

1988  
• Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year

1989  
• Eddie Robinson Award (I-AA Coach of the Year)  
• Football Gazette Coach of the Year  
• USA Today Georgia Coach of the Year  
• USA Today Georgia Coach of the Decade  
• Kodak-American Football Coaches Association I-AA Coach of the Year  
• Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year

1990  
• Georgia Association of Broadcasters Georgian of the Year

1996  
• Inducted into the Blue-Gray Game Hall of Fame

### Statement released Saturday by former Georgia Southern head coach Erk Russell to selected media outlets:

After seven years, two national championships, a runner-up six straight playoff appearances and one 7-4 season, Coach Rusty Russell was fired.

The manner in which Coach Russell handled his firing was impressive. He did it with class. The circumstances were most difficult.

I should stop right here, but I don't have his class.

Since my name was used several times in the newspaper reports and in the press conference announcing Rusty's firing, I am making this statement in response to what was said about Erk. After all, I got two dogs in this fight, Rusty and Georgia Southern, and I loved them both.

As a very old football coach, I learned a long time ago it was better to watch the films of the game just played before making any rash statements about what happened in the game.

I had read the newspaper accounts of Rusty's firing-front page and sports pages in Statesboro and Savannah. A

few days ago, I obtained a copy of Coach Sewak's press conference at which he announced and commented on Rusty's firing.

This is from the Statesboro Herald:

"Sewak said he spoke to Erk Russell about the move."

This is from the press conference video:

"I visited with Coach (Erk) on these matters, as I do all matters Georgia Southern. He is our tradition. He brought me here." (The last sentence is true).

Sewak and I did speak about the move. He did "visit with Coach on 'these matters'" but it was at my request and it was two weeks after he fired Rusty. I don't want to leave the impression that this was a consultation about the move. I just wanted to know why!

I asked why he thought it was necessary to fire Rusty and he told me. I told Mike I thought his solution to last season's problem was extreme. When I told him I didn't believe he

was being completely honest with me, he broke out the "Good Book" for emphasis.

I asked if this was his decision or Sam's or Paul's. He said it was his decision to fire Rusty. I told him, "I'm gone too." End of visit.

As for visiting with Erk on "all matters Georgia Southern," Mike and I haven't talked football or Georgia Southern since he was on my staff in 1986. It was like don't ask - don't tell. He didn't ask and I didn't tell.

There were some interesting things to "visit" about: how to make 3rd and short or 4th and one. Scoring from inside the 10 instead of kicking field goals. 400 yards rushing a game is a great goal, but TEAM wins. I could go on, but that's in the next book.

Rusty Russell is my son and a very good football coach. He was fired by Georgia Southern, my team and my school. This breaks my heart and hurts my family mightily. How come? Oh yeah, I just remembered Forest Gump's famous bumper sticker. It reads: "Stuff Happens."

### KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA Spring Recruitment

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 PM

100 Olympic Blvd.

Kappa Kappa  
Gamma House

Greek Row

If you have any questions, call Jessica Woods at 912/531-4814 or stop by the Greek Life Office in the Russell Union.

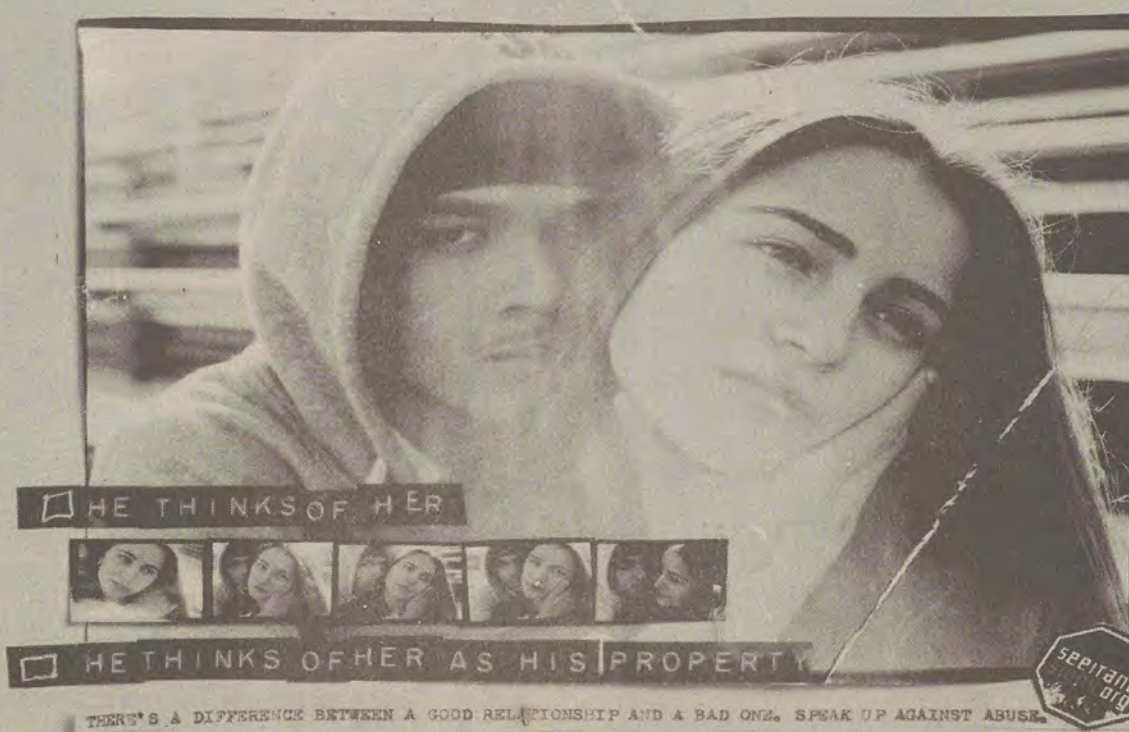
### The Miscellany needs your submissions!

**DEAD  
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Monday,  
February 23

The Miscellany is Georgia Southern's magazine of the arts and literature.

We are looking for submissions in fiction, creative non-fiction, and

creative essay, up to 1500 words, in poetry or prose-poetry of any length, and in the visual arts of any medium, such as drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, sculpture, etc. Submissions must be received in electronic form, along with a printed copy. Submission packets, which include a cover sheet and submission guidelines, can be picked up at the Miscellany office, Williams Center 2009. Submissions can be sent to Jerome Powell, P.O. Box 8001, or emailed to [miscmag@gasou.edu](mailto:miscmag@gasou.edu).

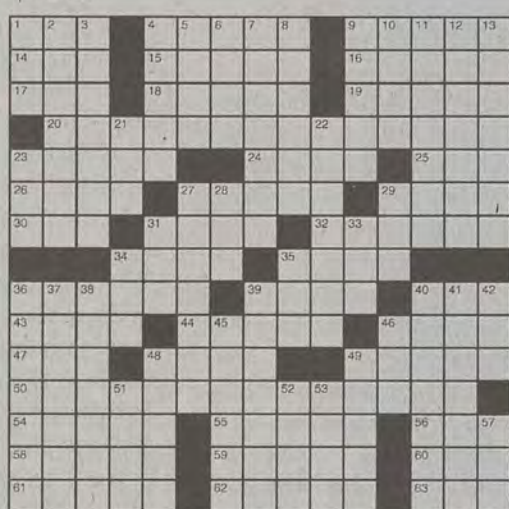




## CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

## Crossword

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briefly  
14 Healthy retreat  
15 Farewell, Yves  
16 Wear away  
17 Intention  
18 Plastics base  
19 Silent performer  
20 Annual chore  
23 Dunces' perch  
24 Tilt to one side  
25 Talk baby talk  
26 Snow mover  
27 Takes aback  
29 Marsh bird  
30 Strong desire  
31 Wound cover  
32 Infamous shoe-  
collector  
34 Inert gas  
35 Geek  
36 Part of USPS  
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43 Solemn  
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63 Swine pen



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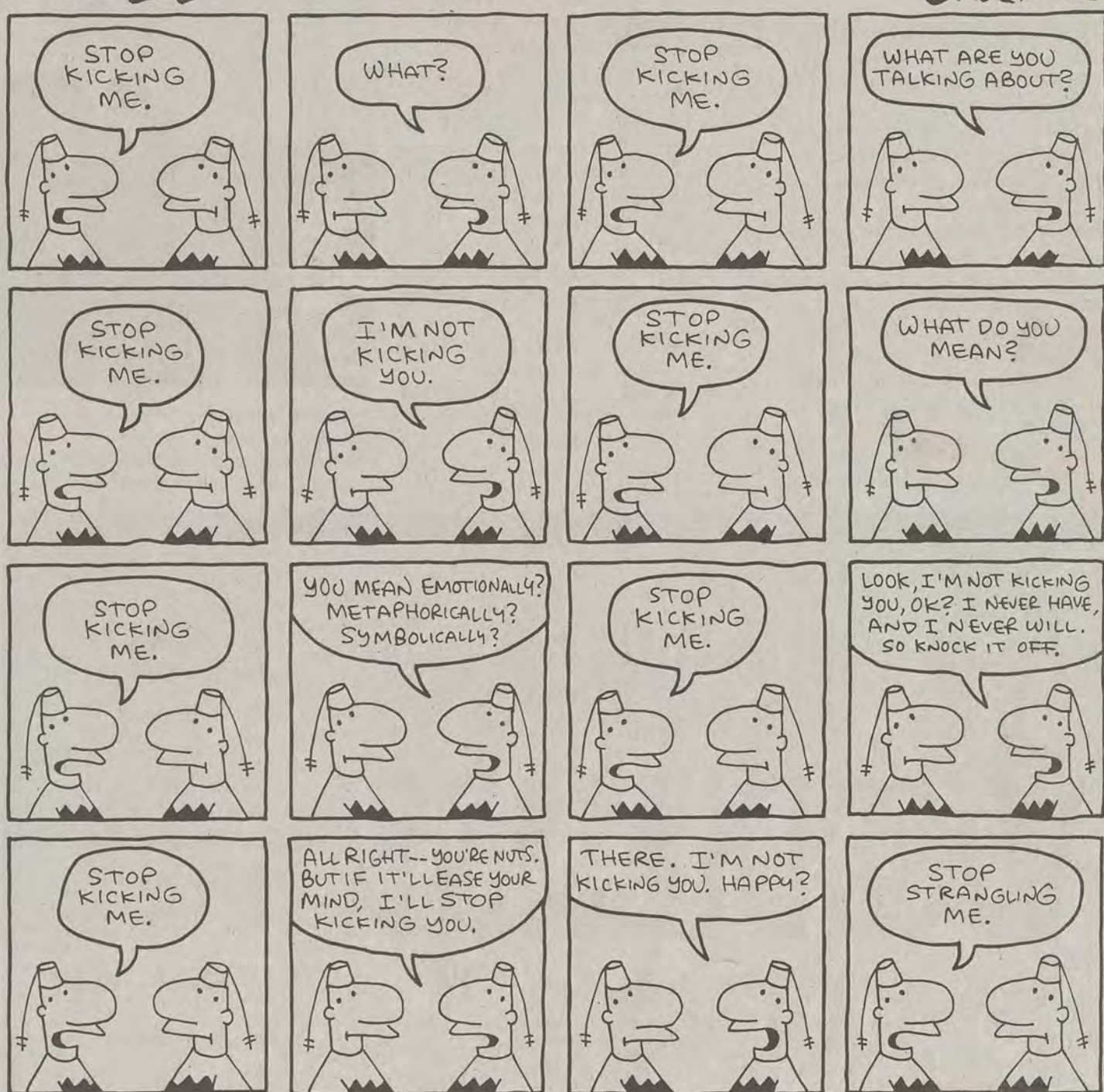
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## Solutions

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42 Ques. response  
45 Reporter's pay scale  
46 Floral loop  
48 Rubber Capital  
of the World  
49 React to a bad pun  
51 Whit  
52 of March  
53 Fork point  
57 Double over

## LIFE IN HELL



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Covering the Campus  
Like a Swarm of Gnats

"I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages  
and ages hence:  
Two roads  
diverged in a  
wood, and I --  
I took the one  
less traveled by,  
And that has  
made all the  
difference."

-Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*

## 10 G-A Action Ads

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## 20 Announcements

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

On October 22, 1997, WVGS/FM was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest until April 1, 2004.

Our license will expire April 1, 2004. We have filed an application for license renewal with the FCC.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection during our regular business hours. It contains information concerning the station's performance during the last

seven years.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by March 1, 2004.

Further information concerning the Commission's broadcast license renewal is available at the WVGS/FM Studios, F.I. Williams Center, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia, or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

**HAVE A** special friend or significant other with an upcoming birthday? Show your love by announcing to the world that it's their birthday! Place an ad in the G-A today.

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## Hashmi Lecture Series speaker Dr. Don Pachula speaks at Union

By Voloria Pettiford  
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Dr. Don Pachula presented, "The Tragedy of War and the Search for Meaning in International History," on Thursday as the first lecture in the annual Hashmi Lecture Series.

Dr. Zia Hashmi, founder and former Director of the Georgia Southern University Center for International Studies, proudly introduced and welcomed his friend, Dr. Pachula.

Pachula considers understanding international conditions "an absolute necessity."

His lecture examines history as a possible explanation of war and the evil it releases in the world today. According to Pachula, international relations should be studied humanistically and scientifically because war contributes to tragedy, a human condition. The tragedy, therefore, gives meaning to the evil.

"Evil is an intrusion not a phenomenon," said Pachula. "Evil enters into people's lives trampling values and morals."

During the lecture, Pachula analyzed the works of Picasso, Shakespeare, and Homer because social/political scientists often overlook what artists, poets, and musicians recognize: Death, destruction, and suffering. Pachula's focus was not on the causes of war but rather the moral meaning of war.

Using past events such as Hiroshima, Nagasaki and the current war on Iraq, Pachula explains how evil enters one's life uninvited, resulting in tragedy. He also examined past religious wars, which ironically have become today's national wars.

Pachula attributes the advancement of international relations to the United Nations, but suggests that peace still depends on individual hearts and minds.

"Fight for what you believe but also realize the consequences of fighting," said Pachula.

Dr. Pachula is the former Director of the Walker Institute of International Studies at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He has recently published a book entitled "Theory and History in International Relations."



Katie Anderson/STAFF  
Dr. Don Pachula presents his lecture "The Tragedy of War and the Search for Meaning in International History," Thursday night in the Russell Union Theater as a part of the Hashmi Lecture Series.

## Georgia Southern hosts Model UN Conference

By John Rodman  
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Over 350 high school students from 18 schools participated in GSU's 33rd Annual High School Model United Nations conference, held Thursday, February 12 through Friday February 13.

This high school conference is the longest running program in the Southeast.

Georgia Southern's Political Science department, Center for International Studies and division of Continuing Education and Public Service, sponsored the conference.

"Model United Nations is a wonderful tool that we utilize to allow students of all ages to come to understand the points of view of other countries. I don't think, we can be so ethno-centric or so isolationist as to believe that the United States point of view is the only view out there," said Barry Balleck, director of GSU National Model United Nations.

This year's model included simulations of the United Nations General Assembly, United Nations Security Council, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and World Health Organization (WHO).

All of the delegations act as members of the General Assembly, and this is where student-written resolutions are presented, debated and voted on. Many of the resolutions presented at this year's conference focused on global issues as contemporarily important as the threat of terrorism and the AIDS pandemic.

"Students play the role of a diplo-

mat of a foreign country [or international entity]. They may take views that are completely contrary to their own, but they are expected to represent that country's points of view as zealously as possible," Balleck said.

In the process, students gain a deeper understanding of foreign policies and international relations.

The annual model is an opportunity for students to further develop skills in writing, public speaking and international diplomacy. They also gain awareness of the successes and short-comings of the diplomatic process utilized by the United Nations.

"Part of this process involves writing position papers, and I can't stress enough how important that is for college preparation," Balleck said.

Georgia Southern's hosting of the model may even play a role in encouraging many of these students to consider the university as a means to achieve their pursuit of a secondary education.

"Many of the students who come to this conference are Advanced Placement students, and they are not only doing this. They are doing debate, drama, sports and all sorts of other things. They really excel, and these are the types of students who we want to attract to Georgia Southern," Balleck said.

The model was conducted by students from Georgia Southern's National Model United Nations delegation, who have received many awards at the national level. Layne Van Tassel, co-founder of the university's Model United Nations, acted as Secretary General at this year's conference.

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Meg Beyer of Star's Mill High School represents the country of Gambia at the model United Nations, held on the GSU campus last Thursday through Saturday.

## Edwards criticizes Kerry, Bush administration

By James Kuhnhehn and Tom Fitzgerald  
KRT Campus

John Edwards, the nice-guy candidate in the presidential Democratic field, showed up in a feisty debating mood Sunday, chiding front-runner John Kerry for his stances on trade and spending and mocking him for giving "the longest answer I ever heard to a yes or no question."

Edwards, looking to score a respectable finish in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary to keep his candidacy viable, stopped short of an all-out attack on Kerry. But the criticism marked a departure for Edwards, who has tried to distinguish himself as the candidate who has abstained from tearing down his rivals.

"Senator Kerry just said he will beat George Bush; not so fast, John Kerry," Edwards said. "We're going to have an election here in Wisconsin this Tuesday. And we've got a whole group of primaries coming up. And I, for one, intend to fight with everything I've got for every one of those votes."

Indeed, despite Edwards' finger-wagging at Kerry, Sunday's encounter was less a debate among Democrats than it was a unified forum against President Bush. Each of the five candidates who showed up in the campus of Marquette University Sunday evening had the Bush administration in his sights on everything from health care and education to trade and foreign policy.

The debate brought together a dwindling field, which at one point numbered 10 candidates, amid speculation that Dean might consider dropping out of the race

if he fares poorly in tomorrow's primary.

On Sunday, the chairman of Dean's campaign, Steve Grossman, told The Associated Press that the former Vermont governor had decided to quit Wednesday or shortly thereafter if he fell short in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary. Speaking on condition of anonymity, several Dean advisers said that Grossman was freelancing, seeking to give Dean a push.

Dean made little effort to distinguish himself from Kerry or Edwards on Sunday night, offering what almost amounted to a defense of Kerry against Republican accusations that Kerry is beholden to lobbyists and special interests. While saying the nation has "a major problem in both parties with special interest money," he added that Bush is "systematically looting the American treasury and giving it to his friends."

"I don't think George Bush has any right to attack anybody on this stage about special interest money, and certainly the Republican Party doesn't," he said.

All the candidates shied away from the subject of Bush's service in the National Guard during the Vietnam War - an issue the White House has tried to silence by releasing documents it says prove Bush performed his Guard duties.

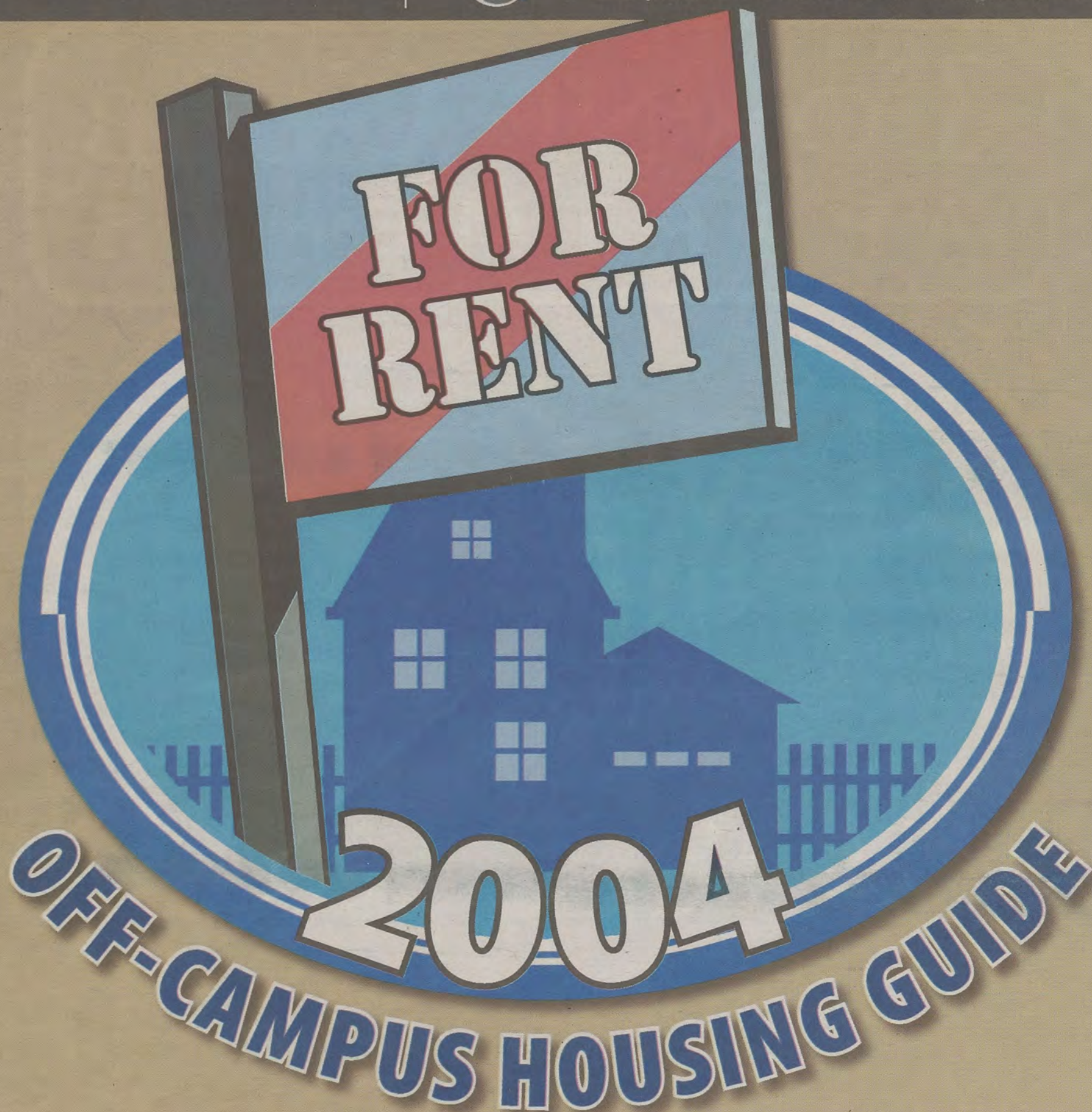
But Kerry accused Bush of not learning from Vietnam. "One of those key lessons is how you take a nation to war," he said. "I think this president rushed to war. I don't believe he had a plan for winning the peace. I don't think he kept his promise to America."



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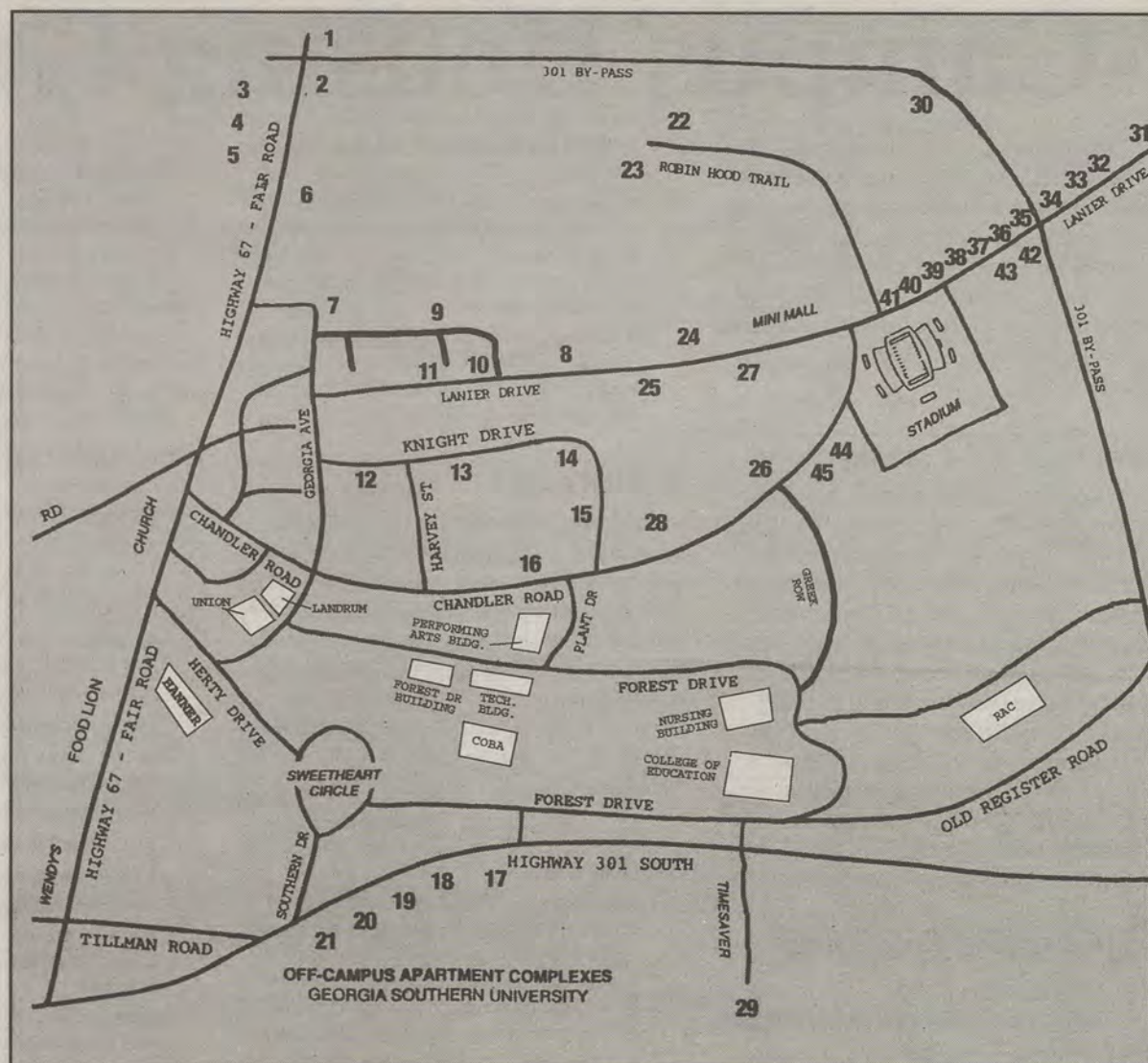
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- 6 Bermuda Run
- 7 Players Club
- 8 Sterling University Pines
- 9 University Place
- 10 Heritage Square
- 11 Plantation Villas
- 12 Eagles' Nest
- 13 The Lodge
- 14 College View
- 15 Campus Courtyard
- 16 University Point
- 17 The Woodlands
- 18 Vista View
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- 20 Boardwalk
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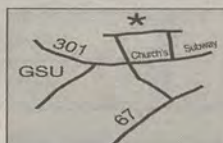
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# 2004 Off-Campus Housing Guide

## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Georgia Southern University is home to 15,000 students, of which approximately 12,000 reside off-campus. The Off-Campus Housing Office strives to meet the needs of these students by providing a variety of services and programs. The office serves as a clearinghouse for listings of vacant rental property, subleases, and students seeking roommates.

A database designed to automate searches for off-campus accommodations and roommates is available on the Off-Campus Housing website at: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/offcampus>

The screens are easy to understand and allow searches based on an individual's criteria (i.e. housing type, rent amount, location, etc). Although the University lists available accommodations, it does not approve, license, or inspect them. Housing arrangements are your responsibility and must be made directly between you and the landlord.

Services provided in addition to the listings and database, are the Community Advisor Program, the Housing Fair, and the Off-Campus Housing Guide (published each spring).

The Off-Campus Housing Office is located in the Russell Union Room 2022. Our telephone number is 912-871-1435 and email address is: [offcamp@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:offcamp@georgiasouthern.edu)

## HOUSING FAIR

The Housing Fair, an annual event, sponsored by the Off-Campus Housing Office, is held during the month of February. Students have an opportunity to meet area rental companies, speak with rental housing vendors, see floor plans, and collect information on housing options and available rentals. During the fair, property owners and managers showcase their available units to students looking for housing for the next academic year.

## COMMUNITY ADVISOR PROGRAM

The Community Advisor Program was established at Georgia Southern University in the Fall of 1992 to meet the immediate needs of students residing off-campus. The Program has grown from the initial two apartment to some 16 complexes.

The Community Advisor (CA) role is unique to Georgia Southern in that a CA receives their training through the Off-Campus Housing Office, but is supervised and compensated by the manager/owner of the property. Compensation consists of a concession off the rent amount (to be determined by the complex manager) in exchange for work. Georgia Southern University does not subsidize nor underwrite the rent concession. Therefore, the property manager becomes the employer.

This partnership parallels Georgia Southern University's strategic plan of becoming a student centered university through promoting and providing opportunities for interaction among members of the off-campus, University and business communities. We are dedicated to empowering our off-campus residents to enhance their personal growth and healthy lifestyle.

## LIVING OFF-CAMPUS

Choosing to live off-campus is a major decision that will greatly impact your college experience. Living off-campus can provide students with more privacy and a feeling of independence, but also a different set of responsibilities (e.g. cooking, cleaning, budgeting, staying connected to campus life and possibly finding transportation to and from campus). Items you need to consider while you ponder moving off-campus are outlined in the 2004 Off-Campus Housing Guide. We hope it will serve as a convenient tool as you begin the process of locating, arranging, and moving into a residence off-campus.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

The task of finding a place to live can be made easier if you know in advance what you want and what you can afford.

1. Ask yourself the following questions:
  - a. Can I afford to live alone or do I need a roommate?
  - b. Can I drive to campus or do I need to live within walking distance?
  - c. Will I need furnished or unfurnished accommodations?
  - d. What type of lease – yearly or semester?
  - e. Are pets allowed?
  - f. What amenities (dishwasher, microwave, washer/dryer, internet access) are available?

g. Will I need to drive or be within walking distance to stores, laundry facilities, etc?

2. Next prepare a budget of your expenses, use the table below to estimate monthly costs of living off-campus. Rent may seem affordable, but many services and utilities may not be included in the price.

With the questions answered and your budget prepared, you are able to determine what your needs are and what you can afford. Now you can begin your search.

## WHERE DO I BEGIN?

Students planning to live off-campus in the fall need to begin their search in the spring of the year. The housing availability starts to decline in the summer months. The longer you wait, the more likely it is you may have to accept a place that does not meet all of your needs. However, do not be pressured into signing a lease or pre-lease agreement unless you are 100 percent certain you want to live at that location.

1. Begin your search by narrowing the area you would like to reside and research the available property in the area.

Obtain a listing of available rental property from the Off-Campus Housing Office located in the Russell Union Suite 2022. In addition to maintaining an updated listing of vacant off-campus housing, the office also maintains a Roommate Needed list and a Sub-Lease list.

- Check out the website at <http://Students.georgiasouthern.edu/offcampus>.
- Make plans to attend Georgia Southern University's Housing Fair in February.
- Talk to your friends and acquaintances about housing possibilities.
- Obtain a copy of the George-Anne, Georgia Southern University's student newspaper, and review the rental listings in the classified section.
- Review the rental property listed in the classified section of the Statesboro Herald, the local newspaper.

2. Once you decide on an area, walk or drive through the neighborhood during peak hours when residents are home to insure it will meet your safety and noise standards.
3. Contact the landlord and arrange for a tour of the unit. (Make a list of the things you are looking for in an apartment and take it with you).
4. Ask to see the actual apartment you will be leasing; the model will look very nice – often better than the actual units.

## Check the safety/security features:

Does the building have a security system?

Is there a security patrol?

- 24 hours
- At night
- On weekends

Is the lighting in the parking lot and on the exterior of the building adequate?

Do doors and windows open easily?

Do the windows lock? Are there screens?

Does the front & back doors have dead bolt locks? Door viewers?

What happens if you misplace your key?

- Is there a charge for unlocking the door?
- Is there a charge for making a new key?

Are there working smoke detectors?

Are there fire extinguishers? If not, can they be purchased and installed and at whose expense?

Are your street address and apartment numbers clearly marked?

## Inspect Fixtures and Appliances

Are the kitchen appliances clean and in good working order?

Is the air conditioning and heating system in good working condition?

- Who is responsible for purchasing and changing filters?

- How often is this required?

Are the carpet and walls clean?

Do all the bathroom fixtures work? Turn on faucets, flush toilets, check for signs of water leaking.

Is there adequate water pressure?

Is there a working doorbell?

Check the baseboards and around doors and windows for holes that may indicate air leaks or pests. Open cabinets and drawers to check for evidence of pests. Ask about exterminators.

- Is regular extermination service provided? Who pays for it? Is this written in the lease – if not, can it be written in?

## Amenities

Will the apartment be large enough for all the tenants?

Is there adequate closet/storage space?

Are there ceiling fans? Do they work?

Are there mailboxes for each apartment? For each tenant?

How far are grocery and convenience stores from the complex?

Is there a yard? Who is responsible for maintaining it?

Does the complex have recreation facilities and clubhouse? Are they well maintained?

Is garbage pick-up included in rent?

5. Ask to see a copy of the lease and read it care-

## How Much Will Living Off-Campus Cost?

Calculate Your Expenses	Monthly Cost
Rent	\$
Telephone (home & cell phone)	\$
Electricity	\$
Utilities (gas, water, garbage)	\$
Internet hookup	\$
Cable	\$
Groceries	\$
Laundry	\$
Transportation (Parking Permit)	\$
Entertainment (dining out, movies)	\$
Renters Insurance	\$
Other Expenses	\$



fully BEFORE you sign. It should cover:

- How much is rent per month? What date of the month is it due? What are the late penalties and when do they begin? Do weekends and university holiday's count?
  - What is the term or length of the lease?
  - How much advance notice must be given in order to renew the lease?
  - What are the requirements for a full refund of your security deposit?
  - Is subleasing permitted? Under what conditions?
  - Who pays for water & sewer? Trash removals?
  - Who do you call for repairs and emergencies?
  - Is there a non-refundable cleaning or maintenance fee? How much is it?
  - Does the property offer individual leases?
  - Is the apartment furnished? Are furnishings included in the lease?
  - Are pets allowed? If so, is there a pet deposit? How much is it? Is it refundable? If yes, what are the conditions?
6. Speak with current tenants in the building or complex. Ask if they plan to renew their lease. Ask about the response time to maintenance request.

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Residences Inside City Limits call:

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\*Based on four students in a four-bedroom apartment.

## LEASE INFORMATION

A lease is a legally binding **CONTRACT** between the landlord and tenant to transfer possession of property to the tenant for a certain period of time in exchange for rent payments. Leases are binding contracts and are difficult to break once signed.

It is not recommended that you sign a lease on an apartment that is under construction unless you fully understand and accept the risk involved.

## READ YOUR LEASE CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING...

Especially the small print.

It is important that you understand your rights and responsibilities as outlined in a lease agreement. Have a parent or other responsible person read it.

## Important Terms To Know

1. **Joint and several liability means any one roommate can be held responsible for the actions of any or all other roommates.**
  - a. Any or all roommates can be sued to recover the damage done by one roommate.
  - b. All roommates can be evicted if one roommate fails to pay the rent.
  - c. If one roommate moves out, the total monthly rent remains the same, and the remaining roommates are responsible for paying it.
2. **Separate or Individual Leases have a relationship comparable to that of tenants who live in separate apartments in the same building.**
  - a. If a roommate leaves, the other roommates are not required to make up the departed roommate's rent payment.
  - b. The landlord may evict one roommate without evicting all of them.
  - c. Generally, if one roommate moves out, the landlord can fill that space without consulting the remaining roommates.
3. **A Guarantor is someone that signs the lease with you to guarantee payment. This individual is equally responsible and liable for any settlements.**

## Breaking the Lease

If you find yourself needing to move or vacate the premises before your lease is up, it would be wise to speak with the landlord. It may be possible for you to negotiate with the property owner/manager to terminate the lease or sublet the apartment. It is incorrect to think that you will only forfeit your security deposit if you move out early. According to the terms of the lease, you are liable for the rent for the remaining months on the lease.

There are legitimate reasons for leaving before your lease expires. Some examples are: the apartment has been damaged by fire or the landlord is not in compliance with the rental agreement. It is a good idea to seek legal advice before giving notice.

Points to consider if you must break your lease:

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1. It is wise at this point to go in and talk to your landlord. They may have another tenant ready to move in and allow that person to take over your lease.
2. Send a certified letter to the landlord giving notice that you intend to break your lease and the date you will be vacating the apartment.
3. In some cases, the landlord may want to be compensated for the trouble of re-renting the unit.
4. If you are able to negotiate an amicable lease breaking, you and the landlord should sign a written statement of release.
5. If you are unable to obtain a written release:
  - a. Stop by the Off-Campus Housing Office, Russell Union Suite 2022 and complete a sublease form to list your vacancy on our website.
  - b. Place an advertisement in the classified section of the George-Anne. When people call, show them the property, but tell them that any rental agreement has to be worked out with the landlord. (You may want to consider

accepting less than the amount of rent you are obligated to pay and making up the difference). You will still be responsible for damages and unpaid rent if your sub-tenant fails to live up to the terms of the rental agreement.

## BE A RESPONSIBLE TENANT

1. Pay your rent on time.
2. Respect the property.
3. Obey the law and landlord rules.
4. Do not disturb the neighbors.
5. Let the landlord know when something needs to be repaired.
6. Place garbage and trash in proper containers.

## DEPOSITS

Landlords usually require a security deposit at the time the lease is signed. The deposit is normally equal to one month's rent. Remember, if you sign a lease in April for September

occupancy, you must submit a reservation deposit, or, possibly, a security deposit at the time the lease is signed.

## Security deposits:

1. Are normally refundable, however, either in full or in part depending on the condition of your unit at move-out. *Your responsibilities and requirements for the return of the deposit should be clearly stated in your lease.*
2. May not be the same as the last month's rent and usually may not be applied to rent due under the lease terms.

Some complexes charge a cleaning or redecorating fee in addition to the security deposit. Generally, these fees are not refundable. If it is non-refundable, it must be stated as such in the lease.

Read your lease carefully and if it does not say, "refundable" or "non-refundable" for the deposits or cleaning charges, ask for clarification in writing as part of the lease agreement.

## BEFORE YOU MOVE IN

Inspect your new apartment to document any pre-existing problems. Ideally you and the landlord should walk through the rental unit before moving in any of your belongings. Ask a friend to accompany you — four eyes are better than two. Many apartment complexes have pre-printed inspection forms to record any damage or problems you may see. If not, get a pad of paper or notebook to record your findings. At the end of the inspection you and the landlord should sign and date the form. You keep the original and give a copy to the landlord for their records. Videotaping or taking pictures during your walkthrough will provide a visual accompaniment to your written notes. (Failure to perform a move in inspection may cause problems with refunding your security deposit).

## What to look for:

1. Inspect all the walls and ceilings: make a note of any dents, holes or cracks in the plaster; scuff marks that don't rub off; and tears, bubbles, or peeling wallpaper.
2. Inspect all the floors: make a note of stains or discoloration in carpets; tears in linoleum; cracked or chipped tiles; and dents, scuffs, or stains on hardwood floors.
3. Inspect all trim (including moldings, door and window sills and door and window frames) for stains, cracks, leaks, or other problems.
4. Inspect all electrical outlets and lights to make sure they are functioning; pay close attention to any 2- or 3-way light switches and dimmers.
5. In the bathroom(s): make sure all faucets (hot and cold) work without leaking; inspect for chips or scratches in fixtures and tile; inspect walls around the tub for 'sponginess'; and check counter tops for dents, scratches, or stains.
6. In the kitchen: make sure all faucets (hot and cold) work without leaking; inspect for chips or scratches in fixtures and tile; inspect counter tops for dents, scratches, or stains; and make sure all appliances work and are clean.
7. Make sure all exterior doors and windows work, seal properly, and have functioning locks; be especially alert to evidence of water infiltration.

8. If you have a deck, balcony, or patio, inspect it for chipped flagstone, warped or cracked boards, or problems with exterior siding.
9. If you have a storage area, make sure it is cleaned out and that the locks are secure.
10. Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
11. If your landlord gave you an apartment inspection sheet, complete it noting all problems, no matter how small; if the landlord didn't, write a formal letter noting the problems you found.
12. Request that your landlord repair any problems you want taken care of as soon as possible.

Your unit should be clean when you move in. If it is not, ask the landlord to have it cleaned or make an adjustment in your first months rent to offset the cost of cleaning it (make sure to get this in writing).

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Be part of a community that cares about the area in which you live and have consideration for the people who live there — Be a good neighbor.

1. Introduce yourself and get to know your neighbors.
2. Put your trash where it belongs — in the trash-can.
3. If you are living in a house, maintain the lawn and trim hedges.
4. If you have pets, clean up after them. Also, be aware of your pet's effect on others.
5. Park your car in the designated area, and inform guests where visitors are to park.
6. Inform neighbors when you are having a party and keep the volume down.

When you're outside make sure to smile and wave at your other neighbors. Start a conversation if you like. These are things that make good neighbors and neighborhoods.

## ROOMMATES

Choosing a roommate can be a difficult — do you live with friends and risk harming the relationship if you have disagreements or do you take the chance and live with new people and make new friends? Off-Campus Housing maintains a list of students that have a place to live and is in need of a roommate. If you are searching for someone to share your living space, please stop by the office located in the Russell Union Suite 2022 and complete a roommate needed form.

While there are benefits to shared living and dividing expenses, there could also be some shortcomings to living with someone with different ideas on cleanliness, studying and social habits. Roommates can have an emotional as well as financial effect on each other's lives. It's important to choose a roommate wisely and to get to know your roommate.

Be open and honest about your expectations. To determine your compatibility ask the following questions.

1. What time do you prefer to go to bed/wake up? Are you a morning person or a night person?
2. What room temperature are you comfortable with?

## ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

You may think all of these precautions unnecessary among friends, but you should never assume anything about a person with whom you share a rental. Co-tenants may think nothing of using your soap without permission or playing loud music at 2:00 AM. Having a frank and honest discussion of everyone's standards and expectations before moving in will help to insure a pleasant living situation.

I agree to the following arrangements regarding:

**Communication** — How to communicate to resolve problems?

**Food** — for individual and communal consumption. Discuss how food will be purchased and prepared if this will be a group activity. Consider designating specific cabinets/shelves for each individual.

**Housekeeping** — List tasks to be done daily, what will be shared and individual responsibilities.

**Parties/Entertaining** — Address areas as to notice, times permitted, number of people and how often. Be sure to set rules for your guests — especially when alcohol will be consumed. Discuss appropriate behavior and acceptable noise levels.

**Personal Possessions** — List all items to be mutually shared and all items that are personal and not to be used by others.

**Phone Usage/Messages** — What hours are too late for the phone to ring? How are messages to be delivered?

**Smoking** — Give consideration to you and your guests.

**Study Time** — Designate specific study hours and study areas for each of you daily, what conditions must exist, TV on, radio etc. Will visitors be allowed during these times?

**Visitation/Overnight Guests** — Address areas such as what times, how many and how often members of the same sex and members of the opposite sex may visit.

### Additional Remarks

As a party of this agreement, I realized that I, as well as each of my roommates, have equal rights to the use of space and facilities in the dwelling with the exception of the areas we have designated as each one's private space. This agreement is intended to promote harmony between roommates by clarifying the expectations and responsibilities of roommates to each other. It is not necessary to witness or notarize this agreement. Each roommate should sign below and receive an original copy.

The parties have executed this agreement on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

Resident's Signature and Date

Resident's Signature and Date

*Adapted from Texas A & M Adult, Graduate, and Off Campus Student Services 2002 Off Campus Survival Manual. The Georgia Southern University Off-Campus Housing Office provides this agreement for the mutual benefit of roommates. The University assumes absolutely no responsibility for the use of this form.*









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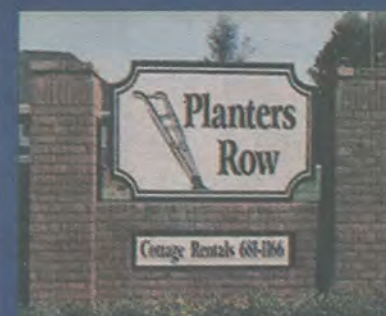
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3. Do you prefer peace and quiet or do you prefer to have the stereo/television on for noise? What hours are acceptable to watch TV / listen to the stereo? At what volume? What kind of music do you like to listen to?
4. How neat do you like your room to be?
5. Do you smoke? Are you willing to live with someone who smokes? Can guests smoke in the apartment?
6. Do you drink alcohol? Are you willing to live with someone who drinks alcohol? Can guests drink in the apartment?
7. Are there times you would prefer guests not to be in the apartment? (Also, friends of the opposite gender?) Are you willing to live with someone who has overnight guests?
8. Do you like to study...alone/with others...in quiet/with music...in your room/in the library?
9. Do you feel comfortable sharing clothes, food, appliances, music, personal hygiene items, electronic equipment, computers, books, etc.?
10. Would you prefer that I ask to borrow an item before I use it?
11. How will the utility bills be divided and paid? TIP: Each roommate should put one utility in his or her name.
12. How will we divide the cleaning duties?
13. What are your pet peeves?

## ROOMMATE CONFLICTS

There are laws which define the tenant/landlord relationship, but there are none governing roommate relationships. Therefore, you may want to consider:

1. Establishing guidelines relating to your living arrangements and put them in writing. A Roommate Agreement Form is available in the Off-Campus Housing Office.
2. Asking the landlord for individual leases with individual security deposits. REMINDER: If you sign a lease with the words, "joint and several liability" - that means you and any remaining roommates will be responsible for the entire rent if any or all of your roommates move out.

Remember, things change and sometimes you are unaware that something bothers you until it does. Tell your roommate(s) nicely. They may have no idea that their actions have bothered you. Most roommate problems derive from:

- Lack of open communication.
- An individual's inability to respect and tolerate differences between people.
- Not anticipating problems and preventing them ahead of time.
- Not dealing effectively with problems that do occur.

Arguments usually stem from bothersome habits that have become intolerable over time, such as sleep habits, guests, and neatness. The best way to avoid a conflict is to speak openly, honestly, directly, and immediately to the person(s) involved. Do not put off problems or concerns. Small problems can lead to explosive problems that may become more difficult to resolve.

Some helpful hints to resolve conflicts are:

1. Be willing to compromise, but also assert your rights.
2. Be honest and tactful with your feelings.
3. Be aware of what you value most.

4. Consider not what is ideal, but what is reasonable.

Serious problems (one that may threaten your health or safety or deprive you of your right to use the apartment) may occur. Consider these steps in resolving them.

1. Ask your roommate(s) to stop doing whatever is causing the problem.
2. Offer to work out a solution.
3. If that doesn't work, document the problems in your rental log. Record dates and what was said or what happened.
4. Write a letter to your roommate. Document the problems and what you did to resolve them. Present the letter to your roommate in person and keep a copy. Ask for an end to the unacceptable behavior. If the situation continues or worsens, you will have a record of your efforts to do something about it.
5. Go to the University Counseling Center and ask for mediation.
6. Let the landlord know about the problems. Send the landlord a letter describing the problem and request help in resolving it. If the landlord responds, you will have help. If the landlord ignores the letter, it may make it more difficult for him or her to take action

against you if you are forced to move out. Again, send it by certified mail and keep a copy.

7. If your roommate has violated the terms of the lease, and you have documented it; you can ask the landlord to evict the problem roommate. There are risks involved with this approach, including the option that the landlord may evict all roommates.
8. Finally, if a roommate threatens or assaults you, or steals your belongings - Call 911. Get a police report for documentation and stay overnight with a friend.

## BEFORE YOU MOVE OUT

Just as you inspected your apartment for damages before you moved in, management will inspect it for damages when you move out. The condition of your apartment after you leave it will often determine how much of your security deposit is returned. Being organized and taking your time can make all the difference. Follow these suggestions to help make your move out inspection easier.

1. Give written notice of your intent to vacate (usually 30 days before your plan to leave, but

check your lease for accuracy), even if it is when your lease expires.

2. Obtain a copy of the move-out cleaning instructions.
3. Schedule an appointment for both you and the landlord to inspect the empty, cleaned apartment.
4. Clean the apartment in accordance with the manager's move-out cleaning instructions. If none are available, follow these suggestions:
  - Move all your belongings out of the apartment before starting.
  - Make a final run through checking all closets, cabinets, appliances, and your storage area for forgotten belongings.
  - Clean sinks, tubs, toilets, and counter tops in the kitchen and bathroom(s).
  - Clean all kitchen appliances, including the oven.
  - Make a last run to the dumpster -- don't leave trash behind for your landlord to remove.
  - Check your balcony, patio, or deck for forgotten plant pots, barbecue tools, etc.
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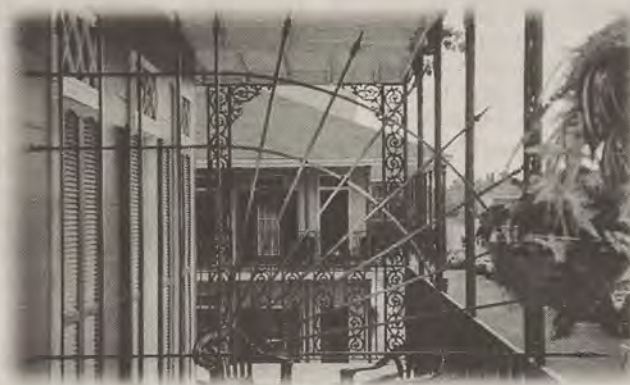
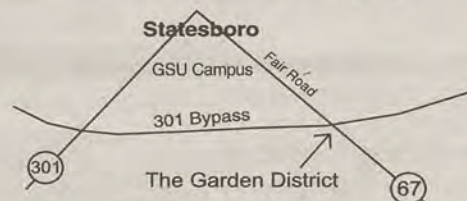
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  - Sweep or vacuum all tiled, linoleum, or hard wood floors (your landlord may require you to clean them, which is a good idea anyway).
  - Vacuum all carpeted floors (your landlord may require you to shampoo them).
5. Complete your Move-Out Inventory Form and walk through the empty, cleaned apartment. Compare the condition of the apartment with the Move-In Inventory to ascertain that you are responsible for any damage found.
  6. Write down the damage for which you are responsible or any additional cleaning which the landlord wants you to perform. At this point you may be able to rectify a disagreement, which could cause you to lose a portion of your security deposit.
  7. If you and the landlord agree on the damage and cleaning items, both of you should sign the list, and indicate which items you will be permitted to clean or repair before turning the premises back over to the landlord.
  8. Provide the landlord with a forwarding address to mail your security deposit.
  9. Turn in all keys to the apartment and mailbox.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

### Moving Preparations

Whether your move requires you to travel hours or just across town, you should make some arrangements in advance.

1. Obtain empty boxes for moving. While you can purchase boxes from moving companies, you may be able to obtain empty boxes from supermarkets, liquor stores, and print shops. Keep box weight to a limit that is easy for you to move.
2. Purchase packing supplies – remember tape and markers to label boxes. Use zip lock bags for storing hardware (nuts, bolts, screws, etc.).
3. Pack seldom used belongings in advance to make moving day easier.
4. Reserve a rental truck/trailer in advance.
5. Turn in change of address form to the Post Office.
6. Reserve motel accommodations for family members assisting you with the move.
7. Arrange for connecting/disconnecting utilities, phone, cable, etc.
8. Arrange for storage if you are moving from one apartment to another and the move-in day does not coincide with your move-out day.

### Renters Insurance

Many tenants are under the assumption that their personal belongings are insured under the landlord's policy. This is not true. Your landlord's insurance generally only covers the building where you live – not your personal belongings and your liability. Therefore, it is up to you to insure your personal belongings. Your belongings may be covered by your parents' homeowners insurance; check with the insurance company for verification.

To understand why renters insurance is a wise investment, simply add up the total cost of everything you own. If you can't afford to replace these items at a moment's notice, you should consider purchasing a renters insurance policy.

Renters insurance will cover most of your personal belongings against fire/smoke, lighting, vandalism, theft, explosions and other disasters, as well as additional living expenses if you are forced to move. Finally, it will provide liability coverage if someone is injured in your home. It may also provide legal costs in the event you are sued for this injury. Unlike other personal property policies, renters insurance is relatively inexpensive; coverage starts as low as \$80 a year.

### Pets

Pets are a part of many of our lives. However, renting with one can be difficult. Being organized and ready can make the process easier and more likely to be successful. It is important to understand the requirements of your lease in regards to pets. There is often a deposit and specific guidelines that must be followed. Here are some basic guidelines to follow and information to have with you when you are ready to sign a lease.

- Make sure your pet is up-to-date on all shots.
- Get your pet's current health and immunization records from your veterinarian.
- Ask your current landlord for a letter of reference for your pet.
- Get some current photos that show your pet in a positive light.

Be honest with your landlord – don't try to sneak a pet in. Be prepared to pay an extra security deposit for your pet. Once you have moved in, introduce your pets to your neighbors and let them know they can speak to you about any problems or concerns.

## BURGLARY PREVENTION

### Burglary is a crime of opportunity.

Burglars aim for the easiest targets. Almost half of all completed residential burglaries are the result of thieves simply gaining entry through unlocked doors or unlocked windows. Most burglars will give up and move on if they can't get in within a few minutes. To keep burglars away from your house or apartment, make their work difficult, risky and low-profit – double check doors and windows before leaving your residence. Make certain they are locked even if you are out for only a few minutes.

### If you are going home for the weekend or the holidays:

- Take expensive, portable items with you.
- Keep valuables out of sight. Do not place purses, portable radios, stereos, television sets, or other such articles near a window; glass can be smashed and objects stolen.
- Lock all doors and windows. Sliding glass doors can offer easy access if they are not properly secured. You can secure them by putting a broomstick or large dowel in the inside track to jam the door. The same thing can be done in windows to prevent them from being lifted up.
- Keep keys in your possession. Don't place them under mats, over doors, in mail slots, or in the other obvious hiding places. Instead, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor.
- Connect one or two lamps and a radio to an automatic timer. Timers are inexpensive, some less than \$10.00, and help to make your home appear "occupied."
- Advise a trusted neighbor of your travel plans

and ask him or her to watch out for suspicious people and/or activity around your home or apartment. Make sure they have a number to contact you during your absence.

- Don't allow deliveries of any kind, including mail and newspapers, to accumulate on your doorstep. If you don't wish to cancel deliveries, arrange for a neighbor to pick them up. You can arrange for your local post office to hold your mail until you return.
- Refrain from publicizing your absence from Statesboro.

### Keep track of your property, so if stolen, it can be returned:

- Make a list of the brand, model and serial numbers of all your property. Store the list in a safe place.
- Mark your items with your initials, birthday, or some other numbering system that you will remember. **DO NOT USE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER or bank account numbers.** This ID number should be in a conspicuous place – not hidden. Valuables to engrave might include computers, radios, televisions, tape recorders, cameras, musical instruments, sporting goods, etc. Many burglars will avoid taking valuables that are engraved, because such items are difficult to sell or pawn. *The Off Campus Housing Office, located in the Russell Union Room 2022, has an engraver, which is easy to use, that you can borrow to engrave your number on your property. To take advantage of this opportunity, stop by the Off Campus Housing Office, show your GSU ID and leave a \$20 deposit, which is refunded when the engraver is returned.*
- Music CDs are easily stolen and often re-sold for quick cash. Use a permanent felt tip pen to write your name and driver's license number on the front of each CD.

- Photographing or videotaping your possessions is a convenient way to keep a record of what you own.

### Prevent auto theft and auto break-ins:

- Don't leave valuables in plain view in your car. Items that can be removed (radios, tape and CD players) and packages should be locked in the trunk.
- Remove valuable property from your car whenever possible.
- Park in busy, well-lighted areas.

### Be alert to suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.

Police officers ask citizens to alert the police to this behavior. Officers urge citizens: **When in doubt, call 911** and the dispatcher will send the Statesboro Police Department or the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office.

### General precautions

If you don't own your home, consider buying renters' insurance. Your landlord is generally not responsible for your possessions. (Students renting a house or an apartment may not be covered by their parents' insurance policy. A renter's policy provides coverage not only for personal possessions but also for liability. So if the pizza delivery person slips in your apartment and later tries to sue you, your legal costs may be covered).

Adapted from: 2002 Off Campus Survival Manual, Texas A & M Adult, Graduate, and Off Campus Student Services

Renters 02 Resource Book, The University of Arizona Commuter Student Affairs

Ohio State University Campus Partners Burglary Prevention Website: <http://www.wacs.ohio-state.edu/org/osucp/index.html>

## FORWARDING ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

To: Landlord's Name  
From: Tenant's Name  
Re: Rental Unit Address

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Landlord's Name:

I have vacated the dwelling at \_\_\_\_\_ as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. I am also returning the keys at this time.

This letter is to notify you of a forwarding address to which my security deposit and/or an itemized list of deductions may be sent.

I request that you return my deposit to the following address: (Print Address Legibly)

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant Name and Date

Keys and notice received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord or Agent's Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

## MOVE-OUT NOTIFICATION & MOVE-OUT INSPECTION DATE REQUEST

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Landlord's Name  
Re: Rental Unit Address  
Dear Landlord's Name:

From: Tenant's Name

I am writing to inform you that I intend to vacate the dwelling at \_\_\_\_\_ as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. I will be ready to deliver the premises and return the keys on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

I would like to schedule a date and time for convenient for both of us to perform a move-out inspection.

Move-out inspection will take place on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant Name and Date

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Landlord or Agent's Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_





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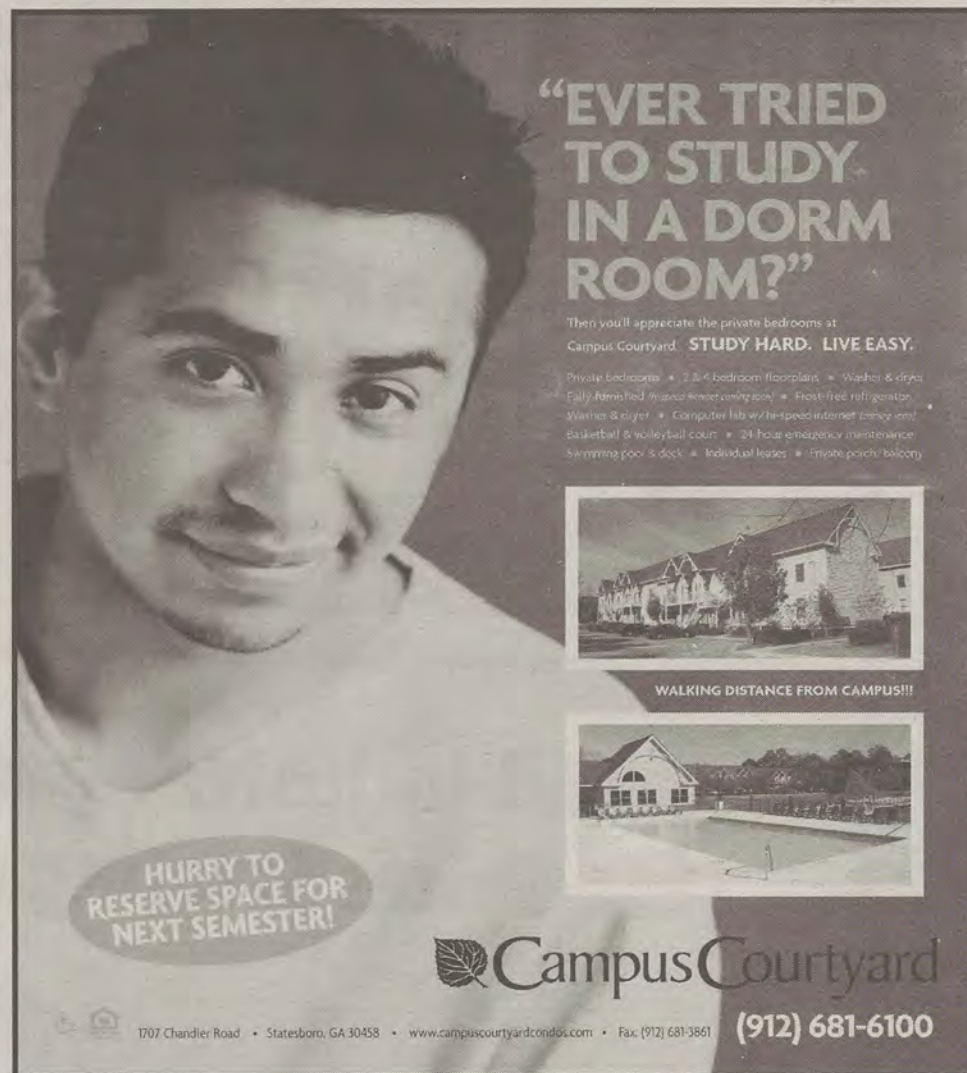
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